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Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

Done deal: Devendra Fadnavis, Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar during the press conference on Wednesday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Ending days of speculation over Maharashtra's next Chief Minister, Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan on Wednesday invited BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis and his party-led Mahayuti alliance to form the next government on Thursday.

This invitation came just hours after Mr. Fadnavis, 54, was unanimously elected the Maharashtra BJP Legislature Party leader, paving the way for his swearing-in as the Chief Minister for a third time.

The ceremony will take place at Azad Maidan in south Mumbai at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday. It will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several Union Ministers, besides Chief Ministers of States ruled by the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance.

"I and two Deputy CMs will take oath on December 5. It is yet to be decided how many Ministers will take oath... details will be announced later," Mr. Fadnavis said, adding that the allies would work together.

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South Korean President Yoon to face impeachment

Associated Press
SEOUL

South Korea's Opposition parties on Wednesday submitted a motion to impeach President Yoon Suk-yeol over the short-lived martial law that drew heavily armed troops to encircle parliament before lawmakers climbed walls to re-enter the building and unanimously voted to lift his order.

Impeaching Mr. Yoon would require the support of two-thirds of parliament, and at least six justices of the nine-member Constitutional Court would have to endorse it to remove him from office.

The motion, submitted jointly by the liberal Democratic Party and five smaller parties, could be put to a vote as early as Friday.

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Badal escapes bid on life; shooter arrested

Close shave: The attacker being stopped by security personnel outside the Golden Temple in Amritsar on Wednesday. ANI

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Former Punjab Deputy Chief Minister and Shiromani Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday survived an assassination bid, after a former militant and pro-Khalistan sympathiser shot at him outside the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Mr. Badal, who was in a wheelchair due to a fractured leg, escaped unhurt as the accused was overpowered by the security personnel next to him.

Mr. Badal was sitting at the entrance of the Golden Temple, performing penance for his 'mistakes', when the attack happened.

The accused has been identified as Narain Singh Chaura. "He has been arrested and a pistol has been recovered. We have registered an FIR. We will investigate and ensure that no angle stays uncovered," Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, Police Commissioner, Amritsar city, said.

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ED letter a bid to 'influence' courts: CM

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah described the letter written by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to the Karnataka Lokayukta on the alleged irregularities in the allotment of sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to his wife, Parvathi, as an effort to "influence" the courts.

On Wednesday, while fielding queries from reporters during a visit to K.R. Pet in Mandya district, Mr. Siddaramaiah pointed out that the letter by the ED comes on the eve of the hearing of his appeal against the order of a single judge of the High Court of Karnataka in the MUDA case.

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Countries like China and India could be dominant forces

People watch rowing because their countries are racing or because they've done it before. It'd be really nice if clubs like this would have an open day where people can just come and try and see. And then they might think, 'Oh! I like this, I'll give it a go'

DEBASISH BHADURI

INTERVIEW

JACK BEAUMONT

Y.B. Sarangi

Jack Beaumont, the son of Olympian rower Peter Beaumont, may have retired from international rowing after securing a silver medal in men's quad, Great Britain's first ever medal in the boat class, in the delayed Tokyo Olympics, but he still loves sculling for fun.

So, Beaumont, a two-time Olympian representing the Leander Club, grabbed an opportunity to take part in the International Friendship Regatta organised by the Calcutta Rowing Club, a 166-year-old club celebrating its 100 years of its relocation to the iconic Rabindra Sarobar in Kolkata, in late November.

The 31-year-old took some time out to speak to *The Hindu* about different aspects of rowing, including his willingness to coach the Indian rowers. *Excerpts:*

After the Tokyo Olympics, you quit competitive rowing. Why was that?

I quit international rowing for Great Britain. I still do the odd competition, I now want to row just for fun. I've done years of very hard competition, very committed training and I wanted to do something that was a little bit more casual and more about the community in the sport. I get to have a really amazing community event, visit a place I've never been to before and still row. So it's like all of my favourite things together.

Are you visiting Kolkata for the first time?

Yeah... I actually have an Indian stepfather and some Indian family, but I've never been to India. When I found out about this race, of course, we had to come and see what it was all about.

How do you like the ambience and the water here at the Rabindra Sarobar?

The water's beautiful, the lake's beautiful, really calm water, it's just nice. I'm so interested in the city because it's so busy, there's so many people, like India is so big and (has got) densely populated places. We eat Indian food in England, but I wanted to eat Indian food in India. It's the same, but different. All of these things are so exciting to try.

How do you look back at your silver medal in Tokyo?

I still pinch myself and think if I'm dreaming, because it was a dream to try and win a medal at the Olympics. It's hard to believe you've actually done this thing. I went to watch the Paris Olympics this year and it was funny to sit there and think three years ago, that was me (on the podium). And we did it. So now I'm so very proud of it.

Also, you achieved that medal during very difficult times, the Games were held during COVID times...

Yeah, and it was a shame, our families could not come and watch. But, also a privilege that we were still able to do when the world was closed. In a way, we were really very lucky to still do it.

How do you compare Great Britain's performance in 2020 and 2024?

There is much improvement. 2020 was very close to being an amazing Olympics for Great Britain. Instead, it was our worst for 40 years (Great Britain was 14th with one silver and one bronze). But a lot of people came fourth, who were very close to third. This time, a lot of people went home from Tokyo angry, trained very hard and came back better (Great Britain was second with three gold, two silver and three bronze). I was very proud of them.

How do you see the overall scenario in rowing because mostly Europe, Australia, New Zealand are dominating. How can it be spread?

Well, I was excited a little bit by China in 2019, 2020, 2021, they started to be quite good. But now it seems like they've dropped off a little bit. It's nice when there's another country winning medals.

Countries like China and India, they have the population, they could be the dominant forces. They just need to have the knowledge and if they employ some more coaches from New Zealand, Australia, Europe, who have had success, they might help build the culture within the country to actually be at the top.

Rowing is an expensive sport. It's not the one that everyone watches on TV and thinks I want to be (legendary British rower five-time Olympic gold medallist) Steve Redgrave. I was sitting at home thinking 'I want to be David Beckham.'

People watch football, cricket, rugby, they want to be this. Rowing is difficult because it's not the one that people know about. People accidentally start rowing. Maybe, we need to encourage people to (take to rowing), even more in the countries that have had less success.

Rowing is an old sport and it has been there in every Olympics but still it's not so popular. Why?

The thing is, it's difficult. Like you have to have a lake, you have to have a boat. Everybody knows what it's like to run. Everybody knows what it's like to cycle. Everybody knows what lifting something heavy is like. Everybody knows what playing football is like. But rowing, only rowers know what rowing is like.

People watch it because their countries are racing or because they've done it before. It'd be really nice if clubs like this would have an open day where people can just come and try and see. And then they might think, 'Oh! I like this, I'll give it a go.'

How has the sport been able to sustain its popularity in Europe?

We have smaller countries, so you can have more communities around the country. Very easy to regularly race the same people. I think, tradition. It's just been often linked with universities or with, in the past, like companies would have a rowing club, a bank would have a rowing club. History has stayed. And then the success, of course, helps. If it's successful, people do it.

Do you think having a good physique also helps in being successful?

It definitely helps. It helps to be tall and strong. But your heart helps a lot too, how much you try. If you can be very determined, if you have a good technique, all those things come together. I beat lots of people who are taller than me. It's not just being taller means better.

Do you have any idea about Indian rowers or Indian rowing?

I've raced against (rowers from) India before. I know there's a guy (Bajrang Lal Takhar) here at the moment who competed in the Beijing Olympics and then he won the (2010) Asian Games. That's pretty amazing. I'd love to see someone do that again.

How can rowing become popular in India?

The most important thing is to just give people opportunities to row. It's such a big country, so many people. Just have some wealthy people or some people, who have companies that can support this, can build a club where young people can come and enjoy the sport. Maybe you can make it easier for people from all backgrounds to come and enjoy the sport. And you will find the people who are good.

Are you open if someone approaches you to coach India or some Indian rowers?

I'd be open to it. Yeah, of course. It'd be an exciting challenge.

Since it's a big country, you may have to go around and find the talent.

Exactly. You'd have to really understand the culture of the country, the place and the challenges that are there. It would be a very difficult job, but it's one with a great opportunity.

NO_2 levels at Bengaluru railway station exceeded WHO guidelines in 2023, finds Greenpeace India study

The Greenpeace India report recommends a region-specific approach for cities such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Pune to tackle poor air quality. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru City railway station recorded the highest nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) levels in the city for over 80% of 2023 followed by BTM Layout and Silk Board air monitoring stations, according to a report released by Greenpeace India called "Beyond North India: NO_2 Pollution and Health Risks in Seven Major Indian Cities".

The NO_2 levels at the station exceeded the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines which recommends an annual NO_2 concentration of no more than 10 ug/m^3. NO_2 is a near-invisible toxic gas closely linked to traffic and fuel burning, common in urban areas, and exposure to the gas can pose serious health risks such as risk of asthma, airway inflammation, respiratory irritation, and the worsening of existing respiratory conditions to residents of the city.

"It can impair lung development, intensify allergies and increase susceptibility to respiratory mortality and death from circulatory diseases, ischemic heart disease, and even lung cancer," a press release from Greenpeace India said, adding that NO_2 pollution in 2019 could have been responsible for 2,730 cases of paediatric asthma in Bengaluru.

Calling investment in cleaner, more accessible transport options an urgent public health imperative, Selomi Garniak, Climate Justice Campaigner at Greenpeace India, said: "This report underscores a crucial truth: air pollution is not limited to Delhi or north India. The transportation sector is the largest contributor to high NO_2 levels across cities in India. As cities grow, the rise in private vehicles worsens air quality and jeopardises public health. To tackle this, we need a fundamental shift towards a sustainable, efficient public transportation system."

The report also recommends a region-specific approach for cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Pune to tackle poor air quality.

"Local governments should focus on reducing vehicular emissions by enhancing public transport, including fare-free schemes for women. This data-driven approach will help track progress and guide effective interventions to reduce pollution levels," the report suggested.

Homemaker killed, son hurt in hit-and-run case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old homemaker was killed, and her four-year-old son grievously injured when a car knocked them down on the outskirts of Doddaballapur on Wednesday.

The deceased has been identified as Bhanupriya, while her younger son, Manoj, was severely injured.

The Doddaballapura rural police registered a case of hit and run against the car driver.

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REWIND 2024
TRIVIA QUIZ

DAY 05

1. In 2024, India renamed Port Blair to shed its colonial legacy. What is its new name?
2. After winning the second bronze medal at the Paris Olympics in July 2024, _____ became the first Olympian in independent India to win two medals at the same edition of the Games.
3. Which cryptocurrency gained popularity following the creation of a specific government department in the USA in November 2024?

*T&C apply.

Scan QR code or visit **newsth.live/RTQPA** take the quiz. Top 3 winners* every day win gift vouchers.

Answer to yesterday's quiz:
1. Jasprit Bumrah
2. Sheikh Hasina
3. Devika

Yesterday's Winners:
1. Adarsh Kumar, Bangalore | 2. Anan Rahim, Chennai | 3. Gangadharan Sudhesh,Trivandrum

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Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for this sale transaction, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, **within 14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the BDA Site No.1090/0, having BBMP Khatha No.1580/1090/0, measuring East to West: (8.23+7.92)/2 Mtrs and North to South: 24.39 Mtrs, totally measuring 196.94 Sq.Mtrs, with a building thereon comprised of Ground plus four upper floors, situated at Hosur-Sarjapura Road Layout (HSR Layout) Sector-3, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Storm Water drain and Road
West by : Site No.1090/N
North by : Road
South by : Property in Survey No.71

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners namely, **(i)M/s.SAIPAVANI CONSTRUCTIONS INDIA PVT. LTD., Represented by its Director Sri.Anil Kumar Kasaraneni (Owner of the Item No.1 property),** having its registered office at: Flat No.301, Padmini Nilayam, Road No.23, Ayyappa Society, Madhapur, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500 081, and **(ii)Sri.ANIL KUMAR KASARANENI** S/o.Adinarayana Murthy **(Owner of the Item No.2 property),** residing at No.6-3-347/20, 2B, "Divya Sai Shakti Apartments", Dwarakapuri Colony, Panjagutta, Nampally, Hyderabad – 500 082.

Apart from the said owner/s, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1 property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.112/8 (Old No.112/6), PID No.49-6-112/8, measuring East to West 260 feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 7800 Sq.ft, together with a building thereon, situated at Bull Temple Road, Kempegowda Nagar, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

East by : Property No.112/6 of Smt.Anila Devi,
West by : Kempegowdanagar Road,
North by : Private Property,
South by : Common Passage and Property No.112.

Item No.2 property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.112 (Old No.101), PID No.49-6-112, measuring East to West 320 feet 6 inches and North to South (109+108)/2 feet, in all measuring 34,953 Sq.ft., together with a building thereon, situated at Bull Temple Road, Kempegowda Nagar, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

East by : Bull Temple Road,
West by : Road,
North by : Private property,
South by : Private Property.

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
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INSTITUTE OF LIVER & BILIARY SCIENCES (ILBS)
Deemed-to-be-University

Addendum
Advertisement ILBS Academic 03/2024
Entrance Examination for Ph.D/PDCC/PGCC/ Fellowship and Certificate Courses

Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS) is an autonomous super-specialty institute of excellence under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and Deemed-to-be-University status was conferred to ILBS by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences (ILBS) is running National Medical Commission (NMC) recognized super-specialty Post-Doctoral Degree Courses in Hepatobiliary.

This is in continuation to the Advertisement no. ILBS Academic 02/2024, The Institute is inviting application for the entrance examination for following Ph.D, PDCC, PGCC, Fellowship and Certificate courses for the academic session starting from **15th January 2025,** as per the details given on the Institute's website https://www.ilbs.in

The Candidates who have already applied vide Advertisement no. ILBS Academic 02/2024 for below mentioned courses need not to apply again and their candidature as per eligibility criteria will be considered.

The date of Entrance Examination to be conducted at ILBS has been revised to **05.01.2025 and 06.01.2025** instead of 15.12.2024 and 16.12.2024.

S. No.	Name of the Course	Seats
1.	Ph.D Molecular and Cellular Medicine	08
2.	PDCC Organ Transplant Anaesthesia	02+01*
3.	PDCC in Interventional Radiology	02+01*
4.	PDCC in Hepatopathology	02+01*
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13.	PDCC in Advanced Diagnostic and Clinical Microbiology	02+01*
14.	PDCC in Apheresis Technology and Blood Component Therapy	02+01*
15.	PDCC in Cellular Transplant Immunology	01
16.	PDCC in Hepatology	04
17.	PDCC in Advanced Clinical Biochemistry	02
18.	PDCC Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine	01+01*
19.	PDCC in Hepato-Hematology	01
20.	Fellowship in Advanced Hepatology	02
21.	PGCC in Clinical Nutrition	02~
22.	PGCC in Epidemiology of Viral Hepatitis and Liver Diseases	01~
23.	PGCC in Clinical Research in Liver Diseases	02~
24.	PGCC in Clinical Bioinformatics	10^
25.	PGCC in Dialysis Therapy	01+01*~
26.	Critical Care Certification Course	02
27.	Certificate Course in Biostatistics	10

* Sponsored Seat
~ PGCC course - One year duration
^ PGCC course- 06 months duration

Note:- The NET with JRF Fellowship qualified candidates are exempted from written examination and eligible to appear for Interview for Ph.D.

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I, ADITYA Arora, S/O: Anand Mahesh Arora, R/O: A–2001, Myhna Maple, S.H.–35, Varthur, Varthur P.O. Blr–087, Have Changed My Name As Aditya Anand Arora Vide Afdvt Dtd 04/12/2024.

I, ABDUL Kareem Shaban S/o Late Shaban, r/at No.99/6, Narayanappa Road, R S Palya, M S Nagar Post, Bangalore 560033 have changed my name as Abdul Kareem Palikkandy Meethal vide affidavit dtd 03.12.2024 sworn before Notary L Gopalakrishna, Blore

WE, SAGAR Hosur Shivalingappa and Bhavya Bangalore Shyamsundar, R/at No.7, 1st Cross, 1st Main Road, Ashtalakshmi Layout, Puttenahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560078, have changed our minor daughter's name from Sanvi Sagar to Saanvi Sagar vide Affidavit dated 03/12/2024 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

P & SC. No: 107/2024
IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSION JUDGE DHARWAD, AT: DHARWAD
PETITIONER: (1) Sharavana Gomathinathan, S/o Ratnasabhapathy S, Age: 76yrs, Occ: Retired, R/o 26, 14A Cross, 11th Main, 101, 1st Floor, West Park Apartment Clurry Convent, Malleshwaram, Bangalore North-560003
V/s
RESPONDANT : NIL
NOTICE U/O 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C DRAFT FOR APPROVAL
1. Whereas the petitioner has file this case against the respondents- nil for Grant the probate to the petitioner by allowing the probate petition in respect of the registered will and testament executed by Shri. Pralhad S/o Bindumadhav Mahishi on 10/04/2023 and Declaration in the form of decree that the schedule property (2) bearing the Plot no.39 appearing in the last will and testament bears the CTS No.361/A1A/4 situated at Hosayallapur, Dharwad-1. That the intention and wish of the testator is to hand over the above said property to the Rashtrothana Parishat, Bangalore represented by its General Secretary and CEO. Hence Probate in favour of me is necessary to carry out the wish of the testator. Hence, it is necessary to take paper publication to call upon any interested parties/person, who are having any interest, objections in deceased name i.e. Shri Pralhad S/o Bindumadhav Mahishi, who was died on 16/10/2023 at his residence. Therefore to file their objections in the above numbered case, hence kindly permit me to take paper publication in Hosdighant daily Kannada News paper and The Hindu Daily English News paper published from Hubballi and Bengaluru as well.
2. The said case is fixed on 04-01-2025 for appearance fo you/ respondent. Therefore you are hereby called upon to appear before this Court on 04/01/2025 at 11.00 AM. If you fail to appear before this Court on the said date and time, the case will be heard and decided on Exparte order and on merits in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this 02-12-2024.
By order of the court
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
District Court, Dharwad.
VENKATESH M KHARVI
Advocate for petitioner

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 74)
O.S. No. 25808/2023
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M. G. Road, Bangalore- 560001,
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Manisi Singh Aged 24 years, D/o. Anil Kumar Singh, Fxncol@yahoo.co.in
Phone No. 8041216669
...Plaintiff
VERSUS
Mr. JUNAID PASHA
...Defendant
Summons/ Notice through Paper Publication
Application U/o 5, Rule 20(1) (A) R/W 151 CPC
Mr. JUNAID PASHA
S/o. Jamsheed Pasha, Aged about 27 Years, No. 111, 9th Cross, Manorayan Palya, Sultanpalya, R.T. Nagar Post, BANGALORE- 560015.
WHEREAS, The above named Plaintiff has instituted a case against you for recovery loan amount Rs. 4,96,551.00/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty One only) together with interest at the 24% p.a., from date of due till the date of realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before O.S. No. 25808/2023 in Hon"ble Addl. City Civil and Session Judge, Mayo Hall, (CCH-74), at Bangalore, Court in person or by an advocate/ pleader on 18/01/2025 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the questionf of the same. Faling which the matter will be heard and determined as "EX-PARTE.
Given undér my hand and seal of the court on this 15th day of November, 2024.
By order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
Advocate for Plaintiff
FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No. 99, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C. AT MALUR
O.S. No. 65/2023
BETWEEN: **1. SRI. B.M. HARISH SINGH,** S/o B.M. Singh, Aged about 53 years, No. 236/2, Albert Victor Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-560018.
2. SRI. B.M. SHANKAR SINGH, S/o. B.M. Singh, Aged about 50 years, No.28/2, Anjanapura Main Road, Opp. Khodays Glass Factory, Bangalore-560 062.
3. SRI. B.M. RAJESH SINGH, S/o. B.M. Singh, Aged about 52 years, No.204, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 2nd Phase, Opp. BHEL Factory, K.H. Ranganatha Colony, Bangalore - 560 026.
4. SMT. J. ROOPA SINGH, D/o. Late. Subhan Singh, Aged about 60 years, No. 373/B, Pipeline Road, Srinagara, Bangalore-560 050. ...PLAINTIFFS
AND: **1. SMT. SUBHA BAI @ SHOBHA BAI** ...DEFENDANTS
NOTICE
Notice Under Order 5 Rule 20 of the code of Civil Procedure 1908.
DEFENDANT NO. 2 & 9
2. SMT. ARUNA SINGH, D/o. Late Subhan Singh, Aged about 60 years, No. 87/1, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018.
9. SRI. M. LAKSHMAN GOWDA, S/o. Late Muniswamappa, Aged about 48 years, No. 148/8, Beladingalu, 3rd 'A' Cross, Ramakrishna Road, M.V. Extension, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural-562114.
Whereas, Sri. B.M. Harish Singh and others the Plaintiffs above named have instituted a in O.S. No. 65/2023 against you and others for partition and separate possession of the suit schedule properties on the file of Sr. Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. at Malur, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all the material questions relating to the above suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions, on the day, of **8.1.2025 at 11 "0" clock** in the forenoon to answer the claim; as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intended to rely in support of your defense.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
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Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this day 3rd of December 2024.
By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Malur.
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFFS
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumberances	Branch Name Account No; Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical)	Property Inspection Time
M/s Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Service Station **Prop: S.N Nagesh** Srirangapuram, Mandur Post, Bangalore-560049 **Mr. S N Nagesh** No.48, "C", GR, Sun Villas, Bommenahalli Village, Budigere Cross, Old Madras Road, Bangalore - 560049.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property(Vacant Land) bearing Khata No. 6, house no.6, situtated at Srirangapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore within the Limits of Mandur Grama Panchayat, Bangalore-560049, Measuring East to West 103 ft and north to south 183 ft, admeasuring 18849 Sq.ft, Owned by Mr. S. N Nagesh The Boundaries of the property: East by- Site no-5 belongs to SN Muniraju Property West by- Budigere Main Road North by- Survey No 43 belongs to Narayana Reddy property South by- Road	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/c No. 840370410000060, 840373210000026, 840325110000009** **For recovery of** Rs.1,05,17,733.93 (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three and Paisa Nine Three) for Loan against property, outstanding as on 22-12-2022 with further interest thereon @11.10% p.a from 22-12-2022, Rs 12,61,989/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Sixty one Thousand Nine hundred Eighty nine) for Term loan-1, Outstanding as on 30-11-2022 with further interest thereon @10.10% p.a from 30-11-2022 and Rs.9,49,890.21 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Nine thousand Eight hundred and Ninety Paisa Two one) for Term Loan-2, outstanding as on 30-11-2022 with further interest thereon @9.75% p.a from 30-11-2022 compounded with monthly rests, costs and other charges	09-01-2025 between 11.00 am To 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs.1,70,00,000/- **EMD :** Rs. 17,00,000/-	Symbolic	10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 98504 77529
Rajendra BG No 1068 6th Main 3rd Stage, 3rd block Near Govt School, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079 No.7, PID No.25-19-7, 4th Main Road, Ramachandrapuram, Bangalore 560021 **Mamatha Devi J K** No 1068 6th Main 3rd Stage, 3rd block, Near Govt School, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079 **M/s Bharani Infrastructures** No.22 A, 5th Main Road, Ramachandrapuram, Bangalore -560021	Residential Immovable property bearing Corporation No- 7, 7/11 & 7/12, PID No 25-19-7, ID No 25-19-7/11 & PID NO.25-19-7/12, situated at 4th Main Road, Ramachandrapuram, Bangalore-560021 in Ward no 25 of Ramachandrapura Sub-Division and measuring 1104 Square feet together with building there on owned by Mr. Rajendra B G within jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded by: East: Road West: Remaining property North: conservancy South: Private Property	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/C No: 840875110000164, 840830110000056** **For recovery of** Rs. 73,75,633.11 (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three Paisa One One) + uncharged interest along with further interest, presently @7.55% p.a linked to MCLR in the housing loan account, Rs.36,50,758.32 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight Paisa Three Two) + Charged amount along with further interest, presently @9.65% p.a. Linked to MCLR in the cash credit account and Rs.97,324.80 (Rupees Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Paisa Eight Zero) + uncharged interest along with further interest in your credit card dues presently @ 30.00% p.a linked to MCLR compounded with monthly rests from 31.12.2018 with costs and other charges	06-01-2025 between 11.00 am To 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs.1,47,39,000/- **EMD :** Rs. 14,73,900/-	Symbolic	10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 98504 77529

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://BAANKNET.com
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.BAANKNET.com or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders.
The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason.
Date & Time of E-auction: **06.01.2025 & 09.01.2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)
Date : 03.12.2024 | Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

How is science affected when companies fund research?

For scientists, the challenge is toeing the line between guarding their trade secrets in the current economy and advocating for transparency and reproducibility. The fundamental tension is that IP necessitates secrecy, whereas, historically, science isn't encouraged to stay behind closed doors

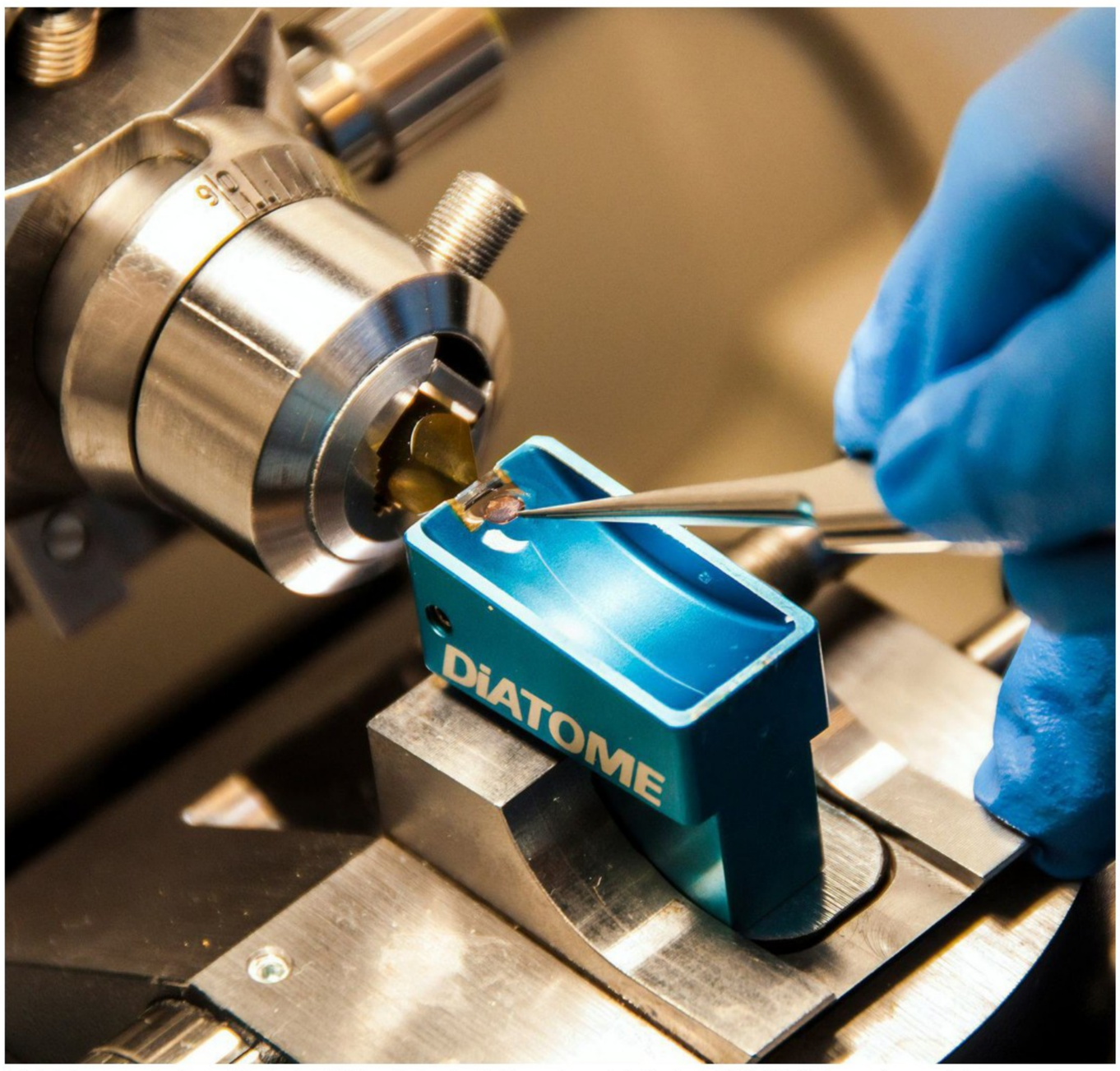
Rohini Subrahmanyam

In May 2024, Google DeepMind released AlphaFold 3, a tool that could predict protein structures. It used an artificial intelligence (AI) model to predict how different proteins were shaped and how they might interact with each other and with DNA, RNA, and other biomolecules of merit. Nobel laureates John Jumper and Demis Hassabis built the new model based on DeepMind's previous versions of the tool, namely AlphaFold and AlphaFold 2. Both those models were released open source, i.e., with their associated programming scripts and inner workings open and transparent to all.

AlphaFold3 was different: its senior authors didn't release the full code when they published their findings in *Nature*. How exactly the model worked was unclear to scientists who wished to probe deeper. They also couldn't make full use of AlphaFold 3's new abilities because its protein-drug interactions simulator wasn't fully accessible.

Google had a reason to withhold information in the paper. A DeepMind spinoff company called Isomorphic Labs was using AlphaFold 3 to develop its own drugs.

"We have to strike a balance between making sure this is accessible and has an impact in the scientific community as well as not compromising Isomorphic's ability to pursue commercial drug discovery," Pushmeet Kohli, DeepMind's head of AI science and a study co-author, told *Nature* in a news article earlier this year. But many scientists weren't convinced, leading them to sign an open letter saying publishing the paper without the code prevents scientific efforts to reproduce and verify the original findings.



A technician uses a microtome at the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research in Maryland, USA. Intellectual property necessitates secrecy whereas science doesn't, but research institutes also need money to operate. US NCI

A fundamental tension

The controversy brought a broader conundrum surrounding scientific research today, especially research with commercial potential. Commercialisation is driven by competition and profit, so the creators and/or owners invoke property and patent laws to protect their intellectual property (IP).

The fundamental tension here is that IP necessitates secrecy, whereas, historically, science isn't encouraged to stay behind closed doors. Science progresses when scientists are open and transparent about their work and when their methods and results are reproducible and falsifiable.

"If you make this fantastic discovery and you're the only person in the universe who can do it, nobody cares. It's not helpful for mankind," Benjamin Haibe-Kains, a professor using AI to study cancer at the University of Toronto, said. He openly advocates for scientists to be more open with their software and data when they publish papers based on AI. "How can you advance science if you keep everything closed source? Nobody can see your data. Nobody can see the algorithm. Nobody can see the model, right?

"As a scientist, there is fundamentally a major conflict between doing things in secret versus advancing science. Those things are incompatible," he added.

Then again, hospitals, research institutes, and universities also need money to operate and hence bank on commercialisation for revenue. "Universities and research institutions are putting us [academics] in a very, very tricky spot," he said. "They actually want us to patent so that we can generate revenue and sustain this research enterprise."

Door half-closed or half-open?

How can scientists toe the line between guarding their trade secrets in the current economy and advocating for transparency and reproducibility?

One option Haibe-Kains suggested, especially for computational scientists, is to publish all the code and details of any algorithm they are working on – but hold on to a premium, ready-to-use version of the software that could be commercialised. With the help of software engineers in his lab, he works on bringing the software to a level that's accessible to a broader group of people, which he then sells.

"Most of the discoveries have been disclosed already; it's just the packaging that I'm selling, right?" Haibe-Kains explained. "That's the way we do it in the lab – we do everything open source at the beginning, and if there is commercial potential, we work on an enterprise version that's more robust and deployable. That added value we keep secret, and that's what we would sell as a product."

"I can do my mission as a scientist, but I can also commercialise and potentially generate revenue that way," he added.

Thomas Hemmerling, MD, a professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at the same university, expressed a belief that divulging some of the basic algorithms but holding back some specific source code is a way to strike a balance between the "black box" that comes with full patent protection and scientific transparency.

He also agreed there is always a risk in such cases where someone else could commercialise the published work. But other scientists will at least be able to understand and potentially replicate the findings.

Decency and deals

Hemmerling and his team developed an anaesthesia robot in 2008 that they named "McSleepy" (after Patrick Dempsey's character Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd, in the popular medical TV drama 'Grey's Anatomy'). The robot could autonomously administer drugs to induce general anaesthesia and monitor the effects. The scientists decided to explain the algorithms at work in the robot in detail in their paper.

"Because we described it quite well, certain parts were then put into other automated machines, but they referenced our method. So that's then basically a matter of scientific integrity," Hemmerling said. "If you use somebody else's algorithm, you should at least quote them and say, 'That's based on that machine or on that technology or that finding'."

But not all scientists have access to large amounts of public funding, which can affect their inclination to be fully open about any research that can be patented. Based on the researchers' financial needs, Hemmerling said the closer they are to a commercial product, the fewer details they'd feel comfortable divulging in their paper.

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Collaborations with smaller start-ups or large corporations help some researchers get more money for their science. "These [large corporations] will fund your research, so you can move the research forward, but on the other hand, they will obviously tighten your [research] much more into some kind of IP protection, probably more than you want to."

That's the dilemma in front of many researchers around the world.

Some scientists strike deals with the companies: they study and develop a product the way the company likes it. In exchange, the company gives their lab unrestricted funds to continue other avenues of research (in which the company has no say).

"All over the world, there's very little governmental funding to do research," Hemmerling said. "So researchers need to find creative ways to find funding."

'I think it's human nature'

More government funding is a way to circumvent the conflict between patented and open science, according to Hemmerling. "At the end of the day, it gives you a different head start. Whenever I have governmental funding, it has secured me funding for a certain time. I don't have to declare a conflict of interest. Science is just... science – you innovate, and you're free to be creative; you're free to develop anything you want. Whereas if you have company funding, it might limit you to developing certain areas because the company might have a conflicting interest."

The government can also subsidise the costs of products made by companies such that the latter can still hold on to their IP even as the products are available for sale at a lower price. This is what happened with the COVID-19 vaccines made by Moderna and Pfizer.

But according to Haibe-Kains, even with more public funding, universities will still want to continue commercialising some research. "I think it's human nature. If you think you're doing amazing research and you see those industries generating billions of dollars in revenue, you cannot stop universities thinking, 'Oh, maybe I should generate revenue on my own stuff,' right?"

He believes additional funding will help academic researchers breathe a little easier and invest in doing science the right way: by being as open as possible. "It's more a matter of creating the right paradigm so that there is a healthy environment for researchers to do the right thing," Haibe Kains said. "But also, there is a path to commercialisation so that we can generate revenue."

At the end of the day

For researchers working in a company, however, the primary objective is likelier to be to generate revenue, not necessarily to advance science, according to Haibe-Kains. Yet he also said it was unfair that sometimes big companies can blur the lines between industry and academia to their advantage, such as using academic tools like journals to advertise their science and also get away with withholding most of the data.

Thus, to him, the manner of AlphaFold 3's release exposed a deep misalignment of incentives between researchers, journals, and the industry.

Responding to criticism from the academic community, senior authors of the AlphaFold 3 paper had said they would publish their code within six months and did so early in November.

Haibe-Kains said publishing the paper first and fixing it six months later by releasing the full code is still a problematic move.

"But look, at the end of the day, it's a good thing they published the code out there."

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Nobel laureates John Jumper and Demis Hassabis. AP

The Nilphamari narrow-mouthed frog, which is found in the lateritic plateaus of the northern Western Ghats. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Study flags agroforestry threat to frogs

Rahul Karmakar

Researchers have found that agroforestry practices may be harmful to some species of endemic frogs, while a few are less affected by modified habitats. The study was conducted by researchers from the Mysuru-based Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF-India), and the Bombay Environmental Action Group (BEAG) .

The study was conducted by Vijayan Jithin and Rohit Naniwadekar of the NCF. The BEAG's researchers were Manali Rane and Aparna Watve. The findings were published in *Ecological Applications*, a journal of the Ecological Society of America.

They studied the amphibian diversity and abundance in the low-elevation lateritic plateau of Maharashtra's northern Western Ghats across orchards, paddy fields, and unmodified stretches during the monsoon season between June and September 2022. Four geographically separated plateaus – Devi Hasol, Devache Gothane, Gaonkhadi, and Bakale – were sampled to capture the spatial variability.

The research team found amphibian diversity was lowest in paddy and abundance was the least in orchards compared to the relatively undisturbed plateaus. Endemic species, including the CEPF burrowing frog (*Minervarya cepfi*) and Goan Fejervarya (*Minervarya gomantaki),* were less abundant in modified habitats, indicating that agroforestry practices may be particularly detrimental to these vulnerable amphibians.

"The conversion of plateaus into agricultural lands is a significant threat to these habitats and the species they support," Jithin, the lead author of the study, said.

"Given the expansion of orchards, we recommend adapting agroforestry practices to be more frog-friendly. Retaining natural water bodies and adding water sources in orchards, combined with sensitisation and incentives for landowners, could help mitigate habitat loss," he said.

Amphibian diversity was lowest in paddy, and abundance was the least in orchards compared to the undisturbed plateaus

On the other hand, species such as the *Minervarya sahyadrensis* commonly found across South Asia were more prevalent in paddy fields, suggesting shifts in community composition due to habitat changes.

"We cannot say the more generalist species are adapting (to modified habitats) since that needs a longer period in the time scale of evolution. They are spreading into such habitats," Jithin, the lead author, told *The Hindu*.

The lateritic plateaus, formed through volcanic activity millions of years ago, are rich in endemic biodiversity but largely unprotected. Traditional conversion of these plateaus into paddy fields has now given way to blasting and transforming the landscape into mango and cashew orchards.

The study highlights how these conversions reduce critical habitats for frogs, such as rock pools that protect tadpoles and eggs during monsoon dry spells.

"Low-elevation plateaus are home to endemic and threatened species of plants and animals that rely on clean water sources. Their presence indicates the health of aquatic resources, which are the lifeline of local communities. It is necessary to conserve and restore the freshwater habitats to ensure the well-being of all life forms," Watve, also the coordinator of the International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission's Western Ghats Plant Specialist Group, said.

The study was funded by the United Kingdom-based On the Edge Conservation, BEAG, The Habitat Trust, and NCF-India.

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Homebuyers, Centre want State govt. to give recovery powers to K-RERA

Sources say the State govt. is studying pros and cons of giving executive powers to the authority

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
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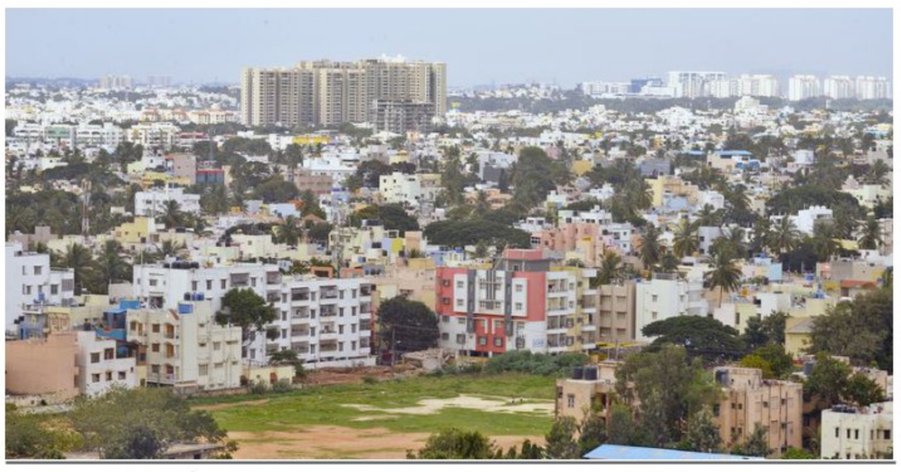

Homebuyers are demanding that the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) - Karnataka be given executive powers to recover revenue or assets from developers whose projects are stuck or inordinately delayed, to compensate homebuyers.

"At present, Real Estate Appellate Tribunal - Karnataka (K-REAT) passes orders for revenue recovery with the respective tahsildars and Deputy Commissioners in charge of executing these orders. However, owing to the laxity of these officials, K-REAT orders have been rendered ineffective, providing no succour to homebuyers," says M.S. Shankar, convener, Forum for People's Collective Efforts, which is at the forefront of the movement for RERA.

K-REAT has till date issued orders in 1,539 cases for recovery of a total of ₹707.26 crore, of which Revenue Department has recovered only ₹79.94 crore in 185 cases up to August 31, 2024, pegging recovery at an average of a meagre 11%. Some of the orders yet to be implemented date back to 2019, data shows.

"Implementation of K-REAT orders has been lagging. The pendency is the most in Bengaluru Urban district. There have been multiple coordination meetings held at the government level over the issue, but progress has been slow," said Ibrahim Maigur, Secretary, K-RERA.

Lax implementation of recovery orders issued by REATs has been a problem across India. To fix this, the Union Ministry of Housing Urban Affairs had written to all State governments to adopt the Gujarat model of giving RERA executive powers for recovery.

The Gujarat government gave executive powers to RERA to implement REAT orders for revenue recovery in 2021. Under the rules framed to the RERA Act, 2016, the authority can also arrest defaulter builders who have failed to comply with REAT orders.

"The RERA office in Gujarat even has a civil prison," said Mr. Shankar, advocating for a similar empowerment of K-RERA in Karnataka. Forum for People's Collective Efforts has petitioned the Chief Secretary of Karnataka in this regard.

Sources said that the government is studying the pros and cons of giving executive powers to K-RERA.

"For instance, following the Gujarat model, Haryana also gave recovery powers to RERA. H-RERA issued over 200 arrest warrants against builders earlier this year. This move has been challenged in the High Court of Punjab and Haryana. We should see how this legal challenge pans out," a senior official said.

Recovery of assets

Cases ordered for recovery		Cases in which recovery has been made		Cases in which recovery is pending	
Number of cases	Amount (in ₹crore)	Number of cases	Amount (in ₹crore)	Number of cases	Amount (in ₹crore)
1,539	707.26	185	79.94	1,354	627.32

*Source: RERA-Karnataka, as of August 31, 2024

Non-AC buses to be fully wrapped in ads to boost BMTC's revenue

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), which is facing financial challenges, has announced a new advertising policy to boost its revenue. Under the new initiative, the BMTC will allow full bus wrap advertisements on 3,000 non-AC buses. This marks a significant shift from its earlier practice of permitting advertisements only on the rear of the buses.

The BMTC has called for tenders, with interested parties invited to participate till December 7.

Officials expect this move to generate over ₹3 crore revenue per month.

"Each bus will feature approximately 350 square feet of advertising space, including areas like louver glass, and the driver's back panel. However, window glass and passenger seat backs will remain excluded. Additional advertising opportunities will also be offered on handle grips and the backs of passenger seats," a senior BMTC official said.

A bus with an advertisement in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

To ensure compliance with regulations, the advertisements will adhere to the Outdoor Signage and Public Messaging Bye-laws of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The BMTC officials have clarified that advertisements will not obstruct critical bus details, such as the BMTC logo, vehicle registration number, and depot particulars.

The BMTC plans to use eco-friendly materials for the advertisements. They will leave no stains or damage when removed. "The aesthetic appeal of the buses will be maintained at all times. In line with the government guidelines, all advertisements will feature Kannada text," an official added.

After complaints from passengers about obstructed visibility, the BMTC removed stickers from the lower glass panels of 4,000 buses in 2018. Addressing similar concerns, the BMTC officials assured that the new advertisement wraps will use transparent materials, ensuring clear visibility for passengers inside the buses. The cost of installing advertisements on a single bus ranges from ₹12,000 to ₹13,000. With 3,000 buses to get wrapped with advertisements, the BMTC anticipates significant additional revenue. In the financial year 2023-24, the BMTC earned ₹811 crore from non-traffic revenue streams, primarily through leasing out land, bus station spaces, stalls, offices, and parking areas. Advertisements on the rear of the buses also made a contribution.

In October, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) issued a tender to wrap train coaches with advertisements in a bid to generate non-fare revenue. Currently, one train has been wrapped, but not for commercial purposes. In March 2022, the BMRCL wrapped a train with images and slogans celebrating India's freedom struggle as part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" programme.

Tumakuru police seize 1,700 tapentadol tablets

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the New Year, the Tumakuru police cracked down on drug peddlers and booked 32 cases and seized 1,720 tapentadol and aspadol tablets since November.

The police have also seized 44 kg of marijauna and tapentadol, a narcotic pain reliever, and aspadol, used to treat moderate to severe acute pain, totally worth ₹19.3 lakh. The police have booked 32 cases and arrested 72 people involved in the sale of drugs .

According to the police, the tablets are becoming a new trend among addicts because of their easy availability. The police said the tablets are injected in liquid form, which makes it difficult to be detected through a narcotics analyser as it is a medical drug and does not comes under marijuana or synthetic drugs. Even though the Drugs Control Department has banned the sale of drugs without prescription, some medical shops are selling the tablets illegally for higher prices, the police added.

It may be recalled that the cases of such tablets being used as replacement to drugs were on the rise in Bengaluru and the police along with the department cracked down on stores selling the tablets illegally.

Karnataka working on circular economy policy: Priyank Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Priyank Kharge

Karnataka is working on India's first ever circular economic policy, under which the State would ensure that 20% of all construction material would be mandated to be sustainable, said Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT, BT, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

''The whole world is looking at India, specifically at Karnataka, which has great policy, great talent, a great ecosystem, a great incubation system and a great Beyond Bengaluru policy. Therefore, the need of the hour is Grade A commercial buildings that are built with sustainable materials," the Minister said.

Speaking at Propagate 2024, the annual proptech event organised by Brigade REAP, a real estate accelerator programme, Mr. Kharge assured his government was committed to working more closely with the Proptech (realty) sector to build a more sustainable India.

"India's real estate sector contributes around 7.3% of the GDP and it is set to grow to $1 trillion in revenue by 2030. Karnataka has tremendous real estate potential and Bengaluru is poised to lead this growth with proptech emerging as a catalyst for that growth,'' he said, adding this was the right time to create platforms where industry, the real estate sector and government come together to work towards and create the right policies for the sector.

Traffic police crack down on bike stunts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 19-year-old scooter rider was among 11 persons arrested by the city traffic police for performing bike stunts on roads.

The accused, Jeevan Umesh, working in a garbage collecting unit on contract with the BBMP was caught performing stunts on Sumanahalli Malagala Road, when the police chased and arrested him. The police have also rounded up his friends who had accompanied him and were cheering him on.

The police found that he was performing stunts to upload it on social media. "We have accessed his social media account and summoned his friends who liked and commented on his earlier posts," a police officer said. Since Tuesday, five cases against motorcycle riders performing stunts were booked, the police said.

Following a series of complaints on rash motorcycle riders, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) M.N. Anucheth directed the police to launch a special drive against those performing stunts on roads. As part of it, the police booked 12 cases, seized 12 vehicles since Monday.

Union urges govt. to implement 12-day menstrual leave policy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State IT/ITeS Employees Union (KITU) submitted a memorandum to Labour Commissioner H.N. Gopalakrishna, urging the Karnataka government to implement a 12-day annual menstrual leave policy.

The memorandum comes in the context of the State government considering a proposal to introduce six-day menstrual leave annually. Several organisations have been opposing the proposal, pointing out that the minimum number of leaves should be 12 with at least one menstrual leave in a month.

KITU office-bearers Suhas Adiga, Chitra, Rashmi, and Sharika submitted the memorandum. According to the union leaders, the Labour Commissioner has agreed to call for a meeting regarding the same.

"This policy is crucial for addressing the health and well-being of lakhs of working women, who often face severe cramps, fatigue, and hormonal changes during menstruation. Implementing menstrual leave would ensure fairness and inclusivity and promote gender equity. It would also help normalise conversations about menstruation, eliminating stigma and empowering women to perform at their best," said a release from the KITU.

It further pointed out that several countries have already implemented such policies, improving employee well-being and productivity. It's time for Karnataka to set a progressive benchmark, enhancing women's participation, productivity, and well-being.

Timings
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THURSDAY, DEC. 05		
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RISE	10:00	SET 21:38
FRIDAY, DEC. 06		
RISE	06:29	SET 17:53
RISE	10:48	SET 22:34
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RISE	06:29	SET 17:53
RISE	11:33	SET 23:30

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Mysuru	25	20
Bengaluru	25	20

Bengaluru Today
25°C The weather will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds at few places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C Mostly dry weather to prevail. Morning will be slight cool. Day will be comfortable with rise in temperature.

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Discontinuation of MPhil programme under NEP raises concerns about future of clinical psychology education in India

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Pointing out that the new courses were introduced without clear guidelines on the discontinuation of older programmes, a research paper says this has created confusion and disparities in professional competencies. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Even as the country is facing a shortage of qualified clinical psychologists – with only 0.47 per 100,000 people, which is way below the World Health Organization's (WHO's) recommendation of one per 20,000 – the discontinuation of the MPhil programme under the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) has raised concerns about the future of clinical psychology education in India.

Since last year, the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) introduced new accredited programmes, including the BSc in Clinical Psychology, Postgraduate Diploma, MPsych, and PsyD in a phased manner. While these courses offer multiple entry and exit points, they have resulted in confusion regarding the quality of training and the clarity of professional roles within the field.

Highlighting the impact of discontinuing the MPhil in Clinical Psychology and the resultant confusion regarding professional competencies and licensure categories, including new roles such as 'Clinical Psychologist (Associate)' and 'Counseling Psychologist (Mental Health)', a recent paper by clinical psychologists from Devi Ahilya University, Indore and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhopal, has critically evaluated the current landscape of clinical psychology education and accreditation in India.

The paper titled "Clinical Psychology Training and Accreditation: Meeting Demands Without Jeopardizing Quality" was published in PLOS Mental Health, a peer-reviewed scientific journal, last month.

The paper emphasises the need for streamlined pathways in clinical psychology training and recommends consolidating multiple licensure categories into a unified standard akin to practices in other countries.

In the paper, authors – Amit Kumar Soni from Devi Ahilya University and Mohit Kumar from AIIMS Bhopal – have argued that the proliferation of roles risks diluting professional standards and creating overlaps in practice.

"A central regulatory body should be established to oversee professional standards. This will enable improving mental health outcomes through a more consistent and rigorous training framework," Dr. Soni, who was formerly with NIMHANS in Bengaluru, told The Hindu.

Key challenges

"Before NEP-2020, the primary route was the two-year MPhil in Clinical Psychology, evolving from Diplomas in Medical and Social Psychology to the MPhil in Medical and Social Psychology and eventually to the M.Phil. in Clinical Psychology.

Despite the RCI introducing new courses, the M.Phil. in Clinical Psychology remains the most esteemed qualification – essential for professional recognition and employment – due to its more rigorous training compared to other accredited programmes," said Dr. Soni.

Pointing out that the new courses were introduced without clear guidelines on the discontinuation of older programmes, he said this has created confusion and disparities in professional competencies. "The existence of multiple training paths for the same licensure category allows less rigorous routes to licensure, undermining the quality of training and professionalism in the field, ultimately affecting mental health services," he explained.

Dr. Kumar said clinical psychologists are often narrowly categorised as rehabilitation professionals despite their broader role in mental health care. "Under the Mental Healthcare Act of 2017, they are recognised as mental health professionals with expertise in diagnosing and treating various psychological conditions. Treating them merely as rehabilitation professionals undervalues their expertise and restricts their contributions. This narrow focus undermines their ability to address India's diverse mental health needs, limiting the quality and scope of care. Recognising their full skill set is crucial for improving mental health outcomes, rather than confining their roles to rehabilitation," he said.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of people killed in the Manipur conflict

258 The Centre has given another extension till May 20, 2025 to a Commission of Inquiry to submit its report on its investigations into the series of violence in Manipur that has claimed at least 258 lives so far. The Commission of Inquiry was set up on June 4, 2023. PTI

Number of suicides by CAPF, NSG and AR personnel in five years

700 Over 700 personnel of Central Armed Police Forces, National Security Guards and Assam Rifles have committed suicide in the last five years, while 55,555 have resigned or taken voluntary retirement during the period, the Rajya Sabha was informed. PTI

Cheetahs released to mark International Cheetah Day

2 Cheetahs Vayu and Agni were released into the wild in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP) to mark International Cheetah Day. The presence of cheetahs in a tourism zone could offer a unique opportunity for visitors to spot these majestic animals during safari trips. PTI

The border length between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

970 km. Central Asian neighbours Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan announced a border demarcation deal on the last contested frontier in the region, potentially ending decades of territorial disputes. The delegations met in the Kyrgyz city of Batken. AFP

Number of fatalities due to rebel groups in eastern Congo

9 Extremist rebels linked to the Islamic State killed at least nine people, including an 8-month-old baby and a 14-year-old girl in eastern Congo and kidnapped several others, authorities said. Eastern Congo has struggled with violence for decades. PTI

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Is the caste Census a useful exercise?

Proponents argue that a caste Census would determine the population sizes of various castes and that these numbers can be used to provide a proportionate share to each caste in government jobs etc. However, upon closer inspection, it becomes clear that the caste Census would be impractical

FULL CONTEXT

Anish Gupta
Shubham Sharma

The demand for a caste Census has become a heated political issue, fuelled by calls from opposition leaders, NGOs, and, more recently, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) also adding itself to the cohort. Proponents argue that such a Census would determine the population sizes of various castes and that these numbers can be used to provide a proportionate share to each caste in government jobs, land, and wealth.

This article discusses how the attempt to collect individual caste data will once again prove to be a futile exercise, and how individual caste-based proportionate reservations is a regressive policy.

Caste Census: a historical background

The exercise of a caste Census in India dates back to the late 19th century when the first detailed caste Census was conducted in 1871-72. It attempted to collect caste-based information and classify various groups, and was conducted across four major regions – the North-Western Provinces (NWP), the Central Provinces (CP), Bengal, and Madras.

There were several arbitrarily constituted "sets" based on a very superficial understanding of caste. In the NWP, for instance, only four sets were officially recorded – Brahmins, Rajputs, Banias, and "other castes of Hindus". Meanwhile, in the CP, groups such as "servants and labourers" and "mendicants and devotees" were arbitrarily included under these sets. Some of Bengal's classifications included beggars, musicians, and cooks, while Madras added "mixed castes" and "outcastes" as distinct categories.

Frustrated with the complexities of understanding caste, W. Chichele Plowden, who prepared the 1881 Census report, termed the whole question of caste 'confusing' and hoped that 'on another occasion no attempt will be made to attempt to obtain information as to the castes and tribes of the population'. However, the same issues persisted in the caste Census of 1931 where 4,147 castes were identified. The officials were surprised to find that caste groups frequently claimed different identities in different regions.

These challenges are not relics of the past but continue to shape the difficulties India faces to conduct a caste Census today. For instance, the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) of 2011 identified over 46.7 lakh castes/sub-castes with 8.2 crore acknowledged errors. A more recent example is the controversy surrounding the inclusion of 'hijra' and 'kinnar' as categories in the caste list in the Bihar Census (2022).

Challenges to access accurate data

Upward caste mobility claim – the reporting of one's caste by respondents can be influenced by the perceived prestige associated with certain social groups and their position within the varna hierarchy. This is evident from changes in caste claims between the 1921 and 1931 Censuses, where some communities that initially reported belonging to lower positions within the varna system in 1921 later reported themselves as belonging to higher categories in 1931 (see Table 1). Another notable observation from these claims is that different members of the same community, such as Sonar, reported belonging to different social categories –Kshatriya and Rajput in 1921, and Brahmin and Vaishya in 1931, in the same region (see Table 1). These occurrences were noted in colonial Censuses but their implications remain relevant even today.

Downward caste mobility claim – some respondents may claim to belong to a group positioned lower in the social hierarchy, particularly when they are aware of the potential benefits associated with such affiliations. Notably, these downward social group mobility claims are predominantly a post-independence phenomenon likely due to the advantages associated with reservation policies (such as when some upper castes demand OBC status/ some OBCs demand ST status).

Problem of caste misclassification – similar-sounding castes and surnames often lead to confusion in caste classification. For example, in Rajasthan, surnames like 'Dhanak', 'Dhankia', and 'Dhanuk' are classified as SC, while 'Dhanka' is listed as ST. Similarly, the surname 'Sen' refers to an upper-caste group in Bengal, whereas 'Sain' is associated with the OBC barber community. Enumerators may mis-record such surnames, inadvertently placing communities in incorrect social categories. Additionally, caste remains a sensitive issue, which may make both respondents and enumerators uncomfortable discussing it directly.

As a result, enumerators might avoid asking about caste explicitly and instead make assumptions based on surnames, further increasing the risk of misclassification.

On proportional representation

Proportional representation in reservations may appear fair at first glance, but upon closer inspection, it becomes clear that it is both impractical and regressive. The system of reserving positions based on a reserved category's quota is straightforward: the reserved posts are determined by dividing 100 by the percentage of reservation allotted to that reserved category. For instance, since the reservation for OBCs is 27%, every 4th position in a sequence of vacancies would go to an OBC candidate (100/27 = 3.7, rounded up to 4). Similarly, an SC candidate would get every 7th position (100/15 = 6.7, rounded to 7), an ST candidate every 14th position (100/7.5 = 13.3, rounded to 14), and an EWS candidate every 10th (100/10 = 10).

However, significant flaws emerge when proportional representation formulas are applied to individual castes. According to different ministries data, there are around 6,000 castes. Assuming India's population is approximately 1.4 billion, the average population per caste would be around 2.3 lakh.

To illustrate the challenges of implementing proportional representation at the individual caste level (see Table 2), consider a hypothetical caste ranked last with a population of just 10,000 (0.0007% of the total population). For this caste to secure just one reserved vacancy in an institution, at least 1,40,845 positions would need to be advertised. Using the UPSC as an example, which typically advertises around 1,000 vacancies annually, it would take 141 years for the least populous caste to receive a single vacancy. To make matters worse, if we consider 46.7 lakh castes/subcastes as reported in SECC 2011, the number of vacancies required will be 46,73,034 and the UPSC will take more than 7,000 years to provide the first vacancy to the least populated caste.

Hence, the idea of proportional representation at the level of individual castes proves to be regressive, as it disproportionately excludes the least populous castes from accessing the benefits of reservation.

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Difficult task: A teacher collecting details from a woman as part of the caste Census at Kandi in Sangareddy, Telangana on November 18. MOHD ARIF

THE GIST

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The problem with counting caste

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Table 1: How caste names changed in different Censuses

Name of Caste	1921 Census claims	1931 Census claims
Kamar (Kumar)	Kshatriya	Brahman
Sonar	Kshatriya/Rajput	Brahman/Vaisya
Sutradar	Vaisya	Brahman
Nai	Thakur	Brahman
Napit	Baidya	Brahman
Rawani (Kahar)	Vaisya	Kshatriya

Note: The change in caste claim was not influenced by reservation policies or any other form of government benefits

Source: Census of India Report, 1931 by J.H. Hutton, Page no. 431

Table 2: Number of vacancies and waiting time for least populated castes based on UPSC's average annual vacancies of 1,000

Census	No. of castes	Assumption about the population distribution across castes	Estimated minimum vacancies required to provide at least one vacancy to least populated caste	Estimated years required to provide at least one vacancy to least populated caste
1931	4,147	All castes with equal population	4,147	5
		Least populated caste's number is 10,000	1,40,845	141
Number of castes listed by different ministries which is used for reservation	6,000	All castes with equal population	6,000	6
		Least populated caste's number is 10,000	1,40,845	141
2011 SECC	46,73,034	All castes with equal population	46,73,034	4,673

Source: Authors' calculation based on the data collected from 1931 census, 2011 SECC, different ministries and UPSC

Bengaluru Urban DC cancels early morning shows of *Pushpa 2: The Rule*

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Allu Arjun in 'Pushpa 2: The Rule'.

The Bengaluru Urban District Deputy Commissioner has cancelled early morning shows of the highly anticipated movie, *Pushpa 2: The Rule*, in the city. Starring Allu Arjun, Rashmika Mandanna, and Fahadh Faasil, the film hits cinemas worldwide on Thursday.

Hours before its release day, the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner issued a notice, instructing cinema owners to cancel the midnight and the early morning shows (3 a.m. and 4 a.m.) of the pan-Indian movie. Around 40 single screens in Bengaluru were asked to cancel their shows.

What rules say

According to the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964, no cinema must exhibit their first show before 6.30 a.m. and the last show of a film must begin after 10.30 p.m. *Pushpa 2: The Rule* is not the first film to violate the rules as other big releases of 2024 across industries were screened early in the morning.

Pushpa 2: The Rule is a sequel to the hit movie *Pushpa: The Rise*. Breaking several box office records, the Sukumar-directorial emerged as one of the biggest blockbusters of 2021.

The management of cinemas have said that they will refund the ticket price for those who have booked for the shows.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (December 5, Thursday), the following articles are available:

- Is the caste Census a useful exercise? **newsth.live/castecensususexp**
- When for-profit companies fund research, how is science affected? **newsth.live/researchfunding**

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Short Tender Notice for disposal of forest produce such as NATA /Sawde / Billets / Poles etc. through e-auction

Disposal of forest produce such as NATA/Sawde/Billets/Poles etc. available in the Government NATA Collection, Hosanagara Zone falling under the jurisdiction of Sagar Forest Division, will be held through e-auction on 12.12.2024, and the said e-auction sale notice has been published in this office letter dated 22.11.2024.

Subject to all the conditions mentioned in the said notice, interested buyers may participate in the e-auction of and purchase the NATA/Sawde/Billets/Poles lots auctioned. More details regarding the e-auction can be obtained from the official website of the Government of India www.msteecommrce.com and www.etimber.in .

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Sagar Forest Division, Sagar- 577401

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Short Term Tender Notification
(E-procurement Portal Only)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for the following.

Sl. No.	Name of the works	Enquiry no./ Date
1	Establishing Disaster Recovery Centre of CESC at BESCOM Data Centre at Bangalore	CESC/IT/24-25/03 dated : 03.12.2024

The works & tender details can be obtained through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **04-12-2024.** For clarification regarding e-portal please contact help desk **+91-8046010000/ 8068948777** or e-mail address support@eprochelpdesk.com.

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General Manager, (IT & MIS,)
CESC, Mysuru.

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NORTH WESTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Bagalkote Division, Bagalkote.

No. : N.W.K.T./BGK/TR/COMM/2024-25/2382 Date : 04-12-2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. : 03/2024
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Inviting e-tender applications to **Commercial Establishments & for Cleaning Contract under "Pay & Use" System (Sweeping, Cleaning Washing of Entire Bus Station Premises including Crew Rest Room) coming under the jurisdiction of NWKRTC, Bagalkote Division.**

Interested parties may participate in the tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** within stipulated date and time as mentioned.

Corporation reserves the right to accept / reject / recall the tender without giving information to tenderers in the view of Corporation Good Will.

1) Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : 24-12-2024 at 5.30 p.m., 2) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 26-12-2024 at 11.00 a.m.

For more details contact Phone No: 77609 91752 & 7760 991762.

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No.: SADH(S)TENDER/22/2024-25 Date: 04.12.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term) (Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to implement in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour department for maintenance of Parks. **(Standard tender document: KW-1).**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Construction of four water storage structure in Basavanagudi Assembly Constituency Parks **(2nd Call)**. **Estimate Cost:** 16,00,000/-, **EMD Amount:** 20,000/-. **Category:** ST.

Calendar of Events: (1) The tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **06.12.2024. (2)** Tender Closing date: **13.12.2024** at **4:00 p.m. (3)** Technical bid opening date: **16.12.2024** at **4:30 p.m. (5)** Financial bid opening date: **After approval of Technical bid.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,
South Zone, BBMP

INNOVATE KARNATAKA — K-tech

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NOTICE No: ITBTST/2024-25/SE0020

Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), Department of Electronics, IT and Bt and S&T intends to **Empanel implementing partners to implement K-Tech Center of Excellence in Gaming** in Karnataka. In this regard, KITS invites proposals from the qualified agencies in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP)

The interested agencies are required to download the soft copy of the Request for Proposals and upload the proposal (in PDF format) on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in through the bidder's Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

Any notices / information related to this Request for Proposals in the future shall be available on https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only.

The application Starts from **05.12.2024 to 04.01.2025 before 4.00 P.M.** Refer to the Request for Proposals document for eligibility criteria and other conditions

Sd/-
Managing Director

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.

No. FD 03 BMB 2024 Bengaluru, December 04, 2024

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **7.26% Karnataka SGS 2025** issued in terms of the Government of **Karnataka,** Finance Department Notification **No. FD 05 BMB 2022 dated December 29, 2022** will be repaid at par on January 04, 2025 with interest due up to and including January 03, 2025. In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after January 04, 2025.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced / registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account / mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **7.26% Karnataka SGS 2025** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate".

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury / Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of **Karnataka.**

Sd/-
Dr.Reju M.T)
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No.EO/e-Proc.PMKSY-VEHI/2024-25 Date: 02.12.2024

"TENDER NOTIFICATION" (II ND CALL)

Tenders have been re-invited from eligible agencies / persons, for supplying of JCB vehicle to the use of the PMKSY-WDC 2.0 scheme University on monthly hire basis for the project works. The details of the tender can be had through e-procurement portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) For more details please contact **0836-2214216 / 332** during office hours. Interested agencies need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For details of registration please contact ph. No: **080-23010900**

1)	**Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders.**	11.12.2024	**Up to**	**16.00 Hrs**
2)	**Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bids.**	12.12.2024	**At**	**16.15 Hrs**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Note: The bidders shall get updated / acquainted with ADDENDUM / CORRIGENDUM (if any) issued on-line from time to time on the e-procurement portal during the entire tender process.

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Sd/- Estate Officer

BANGALORE RURAL ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Rural, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore - 560009.

No: EE/PRED/BNG(R)/TND No-22/TS/2024-25 Date: 03.12.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No.22/2024-25
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Short term Tender is invited on behalf of the Governor of the State of Karnataka for the following works approved under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme - Grey Water Management Unit Works under the Government of Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Act and Rules 2000 through e-procurment for the following works approved in the Department of Public Works. Tenders are invited from Suppliers (ZP Bangalore Rural MGNREGA Material Supply enrolled) to Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Bangalore Rural. Application for e-tender documents is requested to be submitted through Departmental website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Last Date for Submission of completed tenders for the said works: **11.12.2024 up to 5.00 PM.** For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and the tender details are available at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Rural Dist. Bangalore

DIPR/CP/3620/SPAN/2024-25

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road,
Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010. Telefax : 080-22024000
e-mail : mdkrdcl@gmail.com, cekrdcl@gmail.com Website: http://www.krdcl.in

No. KRDCL/IFB/2024-25/17 Dated: 04-12-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (through KPP Portal)

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) invites bids from reputed Consultants for the following services based on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) details is as below:

Name of the Work: "Consultancy Services for Proof Checking of Designs, Project Management and Construction, Supervision and Quality Control for the work of Construction of Box Culverts / Bridge / Improvements at Ch. 163.88, 167.00, 168.29, 176.03, 170.51, 181.67, 184.97 and Bridge retained at 188.72 km in Devadurga - Arkera - Siravara Road (SH-61) in Devadurga Taluk, Raichur District". **Cost of work for construction (Including GST) :** Rs. 1484.09 lakhs. **Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.):** 25,000/-. through KPP portal. **Period of Completion (including monsoon):** 12 months.

Interested applicants can view and download bidding documents from the KPP portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and submit the bids and EMD (electronically) through KPP portal only.

The Calendar of events for various activities is as follows: (a) The last date and time for submission of queries is : **09.12.2024 upto 17.00 Hrs.** The applicants may submit their queries through electronic mail: **cekrdcl@gmail.com (b)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **10.12.2024 at 16.30 Hrs.** in the **KRDCL Head office, Bengaluru at the above address. (c)** The last date and time for submission of bids is **17.12.2024 upto 17.30 Hrs. (d)** Date and time of opening of Technical bids is : **19.12.2024 at 16.00 Hrs. (e)** Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any of the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever. **(f)** Further, any addendums / clarification / calendar of events regarding the bid documents will be published / uploaded only on KPP portal and KRDCL website : **https://www.krdcl.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
KRDCL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/YC/3612/2024-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Head Office,
Ground floor, Annex-3 building, N.R.Square, Bangalore-02.

No: DCF/TENDER/12/2024-25 Dated: 04-12-2024

Short Time Tender Notification
(Only Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP, Bangalore on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders under (Brand Bangalore Green Bangalore) from Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD/KPWD/ FOREST/ Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.

Following are the Events of Bid process:

Sl. No	Name of Work
1.	Development of Tree park and other park related works in Dasarahalli Zone Estimate Amount (in Lakhs) : **75.00,** EMD Amount (in Lakhs) **: 1.50**
2.	Development of Tree park and other park related works in Yeshwanthapura constituency RR Nagara Zone. Estimate Amount (in Lakhs) : **75.00,** EMD Amount (in Lakhs) **: 1.50**

Time Schedule :
1) Date of Commencement of Download of Document from eProcurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** From : **07.12.2024 Onwards. 2)** Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in eProcurement. : **11/12/2024 up to 5:00 PM. 3)** Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting : **11/11/2024 at 05:00 PM** at the following venue: Office of Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Head Office, Ground floor, Annex-3 building, N.R.Square, Bangalore-02 e-mail: **defbbmp12@gmail.com. 4)** Last Date and Time for uploading of tenders in eProcurement portal for : **21/12/2024 up to 4:00 PM. 5)** Date and Time of Online Opening of tender : **23/12/2024 11:30 AM. 6)** Place of Opening of tender : **Online at e-Procurement portal. 7)** Address for Communication : Office of Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Head Office, Ground floor, Annex-3 building. N.R.Square, Bangalore-02 e-mail: **defbbmp12@gmail.com**

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT PLANNING CO-ORDINATORS OFFICE, S.S.K., VIJAYAPUR.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Samagra Shiskana Karnataka Vijayapur Dist office inviting E-tenders for Providing Food and Man Power Service to KGBV Schools and Hostels, Smart Class & Two Bunker Cot & Man Power Service & Shristi Tinkaring lab to District / Blocks Offices. For more information Please log in to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and contact office phone number: 9448999389 & 9448999331 The following tenders are invited.

1) Tender reference no: SSK/2024-25/SE0201
2) Tender reference no: SSK/2024-25/SE0202
3) Tender reference no: SSK/2024-25/SE0203
4) Tender reference no: SSK/2024-25/SE0204
5) Tender reference no: SSK/2024-25/IND0070
6) Tender reference no: SSK/2024-25/IND0071
7) Tender reference no: SSK/2024-25/IND0074

Sd/- DDPI & DPO, SSK,
VIJAYAPUR

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/469/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್
ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 14/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.11.2024

ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಜಿ– II ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ **GREY WATER MANAGEMENT (MGNREGA)** ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ದರ್ಜೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎನ್‌ರೋಲ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. **(1)** E-procurement ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್–ಬಿ ಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.12.2024ರ 16.30 ರವರೆಗೆ. (2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.12.2024 ರಂದು 16.35 ನಂತರ. (3) ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ): ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:299/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

DEPARTMENT OF MINORITY WELFARE
DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES
No.16C, Maulana Azad Bhavan, Miller Tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

No: DOM/D/B.Ed /CR- 02/2024-25 Date: 05.12.2024

NOTIFICATION

Inviting application on Sevasindhu portal for providing **Special Incentive Fund to Minority Community Students pursuing B.Ed in the year 2024-25.**

Date to apply through Sevasindhu Portal for Special Incentive Grant to Minority Community Students pursuing B.Ed in the year 2024-25 from 05-12-2024 to 25-12-2024 by 5.30 PM.

Applications are invited for taking benefits of Incentive from the Students belonging to **Minority Communities (Muslim, Christian, Jain, Sikh, Buddhist and Parsi)** who have enrolled to **B.Ed Course** in Govt/Semi Govt/Aided and Private colleges recognized by National Council for Teacher Education. An **Incentive of Rs. 25,000/-** will be deposited through DBT to the bank account of the concerned students.

Interested minority community **B.Ed students can apply online through Sevasindhu portal** (**https://sevasindhu. karnataka.gov.in**) along with all documents.

For more information contact Department **Helpline No.: 8277799990** Departmental Website: **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3610/MAA/24-25

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH-2)
P & SC No. 479/2024

BETWEEN
1. B.S. Raghuram
Aged about 61 years, R/o 52 (14), 5th Main, Vyalikaval, Bangalore-560 003.
2. B.S. Ramdas
Aged about 57 years, R/o 52 (14), 5th Main, Vyalikaval, Bangalore-560 003
....PETITIONERS

AND
NIL
....RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named persons has made petition before the I Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-2), at Bengaluru Court, under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act for the grant of probate & Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners in respect of the schedule properties described hereunder. The schedule hereunder was held by Late Smt. Jayalakshmi Murthy the mother of the Petitioners who expired on 13.06.2022.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this Court either in person or through a pleader duly instructed on 16-12-2024 at 11 AM to show cause against the Petitioner failing which the above petition will be heard in your absence by considering the Respondent as NIL.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No. 1: All that Piece and parcel of residential premises bearing No. 52, 5th Main, Vyalikaval, Bengaluru measuring North to South: 30 feet, East to West: 45 feet and bounded as under:

East by: House No. 667, West by: Road, North by: House No. 13, South by: House No. 15.

Item No. 2: All that Piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No. 540, 64th Cross, Rajjinagar, Bengaluru measuring North to South: 40 feet, East to West: 36 feet and bounded as Under: East by: Road, West by: House No. 451, South by: House No 409, North by: Road.

Item No. 3: All that piece and Parcel of property bearing Flat No. 7, 1st Floor, Tribhuvan Chs Ltd, Bela Building Sion East, Mumbai measuring 540 Sq.ft.

Item No 4: Shares held in the name of Late B.S. Jayalakshmi Murthy and B.S. Murthy @ Bindiganavile Srinivas Murthy with MRF ltd and Berger Paints India Ltd Shown as hereunder:

SL. No.	Name of the Company	Folio No.	Certificate No.	Distinctive No.	No. of shares
1	Berger paints India Ltd.	13452	405615	401931193-401933688	2496
2	Berger paints India Ltd.	13452	409840	1093993757-1093994754	998
3	Berger paints India Ltd.	14247	405647	402104545-402104736	192
4	Berger paints India Ltd.	14247	409863	1094044299-1094044374	76
5	MRF Ltd.	M02865	91538	3163152-3163170	19
6	Berger paints India Ltd.	03688	00201960	011776333-011776342	10
7	Berger paints India Ltd.	03688	00201961	011776343-011776352	10
8	Good year India Ltd.	66703	205107	13249743-13249824	82
9	Good year India Ltd.	43042	300	1853451-1853460	10
10	Good year India Ltd.	61062	35634	2137617-2137632	16
11	Good year India Ltd.	116676	66703	4650191-4650216	26
12	Good year India Ltd.	127789	66703	5163871-5163877	7
13	Good year India Ltd.	152728	66703	07481694	1
14	Good year India Ltd.	176655	66703	7299587-7299608	22

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this13th day of November 2024.

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER
Lawyers Inc., Advocates & Solicitors
No. 15/2, V.S. Raju Road, 12th Block
Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020
Phone: +91-80-41553014

By order of the Court
Sd/-
Senior Sheristadar,
City Cvil Court, Bengaluru

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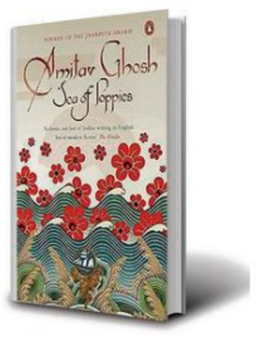

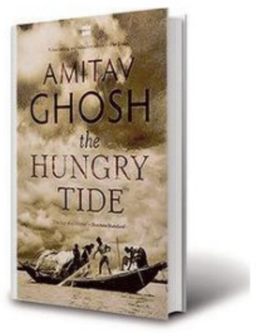

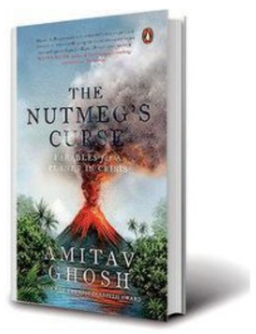

Huge honour: Indian writer Amitav Ghosh after receiving the Erasmus Prize at the Royal Palace in Amsterdam on November 26. AFP

Amitav Ghosh tells the story of the past, present, and with dread, the future

The writer has been honoured with the Erasmus Prize, 2024, for 'imagining the unthinkable'. In his novels and non-fiction, Ghosh has put down in words the anthropometric nature of climate change, migration, colonialism, cultural possession and dispossession

Ramya Kannan

During an interview with *The Hindu* last year, Amitav Ghosh was asked if he fancied himself, as many have alluded to him, as the Emperor of the East, among novelists. His response is a true insight into the core of Ghosh's stupendous body of work: "I would say it's the other way around. The east is the emperor of us."

Among the pre-eminent authors writing on subjects 'east' and among the early modern authors to shred the stereotype of the east as mystic and chaotic, Ghosh tells the story as it was, in the past; as it is, in the present; and with trembling lips and a sense of dread, in the future. It is suitable that the Praemium Erasmianum Foundation decided to award him the Erasmus Prize in 2024, and the reasons for their decision are precisely the compelling reasons for reading Ghosh.

The citation reads: "He receives the prize for his passionate contribution to the theme 'imagining the unthinkable', in which an unprecedented global crisis – climate change – takes shape through the written word. Ghosh has delved deeply into the question of how to do justice to this existential threat that defies our imagination.

His work offers a remedy by making an uncertain future palpable through compelling stories about the past. He also wields his pen to show that the climate crisis is a cultural crisis that results from a dearth of the imagination."

Impressive oeuvre

In the many years since Ghosh started writing, he has built up an impressive oeuvre of work, doused in a social consciousness that has seldom found such consistent exposition in the works of one author. For his fans, both of his writings and his politics, it is not a matter of argument that Ghosh is indeed the pre-eminent chronicler of the east to make an impact in recent times. It is a matter of deep faith for them.

The themes of Ghosh's work, the essays and historical novels, include the anthropometric nature of climate change, migration, colonialism, cultural possession and dispossession, how trade impacts the lives of people, and the havoc that humanity's avarice has let loose upon the world. Using polyphonic narratives, or multiple perspectives to portray the naturally rich diversity of his settings, Ghosh builds compelling stories that not only draw the reader deep in, but also keep them hooked, from start to finish, even waiting with bated breath for the next book.

Studying the Sunderbans

Perhaps we should take our cue from the Erasmus Prize and start with *The Hungry Tide*, set in the tidal landscape of the Sunderbans, examining the impact of rising sea levels and climate change in the deltaic mangrove area formed at the confluence of the Brahmaputra, Ganges and Meghna rivers entering the Bay of Bengal. The novel revolves around Piya, a marine biologist researching river dolphins, and Kanai, a Delhi-based translator, as they navigate the natural and social complexities of this unique landscape. Here, it's not merely climate change that is centrepiece, but also the tension between conservation theories and human rights, as portrayed in the struggles of the refugees of Morichjhāpi.

In the context of climate change and human migration, his 2019 book, *Gun Island*, creates a world of realistic fiction, to urge, challenge, and shake up readers to act upon the urgent demands of the environment. The story starts with the quest of Deen Datta, a rare book dealer from Brooklyn, to figure out more about the Bengali legend of the 'gun merchant' (Bonduki Sadagar), and examines how ecological collapse impacts migration, and upends traditions. Repeatedly, Ghosh has relied on folklore and myth to highlight the profound messages these tales contain, including in his delightful novella-in-verse: *Jungle Nama*.

Following a spice

In his 2021 work, *The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis*, also referenced in his acceptance speech for the Erasmus Award, Ghosh follows the journey of a spice, nutmeg, from its native Banda Islands to the world, using it as a lens to understand the imprints of colonialism upon attitudes towards indigenous cultures, and environmental change.

The *Ibis Trilogy*, is another phenomenal work that started with the *Sea of Poppies* (2008), followed by *River of Smoke* (2011), and finally, *Flood of Fire* (2015). Set in the 1830s, this epic sweeps across countries, and years, outlining the factors that build up to the First Opium War across China and the Indian Ocean region, cementing his place as a historian-novelist of the east. The story begins in British-ruled India, where the cultivation of opium is changing rural lives forever. The eponymic 'Ibis' is the name of the ship that sets sail from Calcutta to Mauritius, carrying a diverse group of passengers, including indentured labourers, convicts, and sailors, some to be connected intrinsically with the massive changes that are set to happen, in east Asia. The second book shifts focus to China, the centre of the opium trade, detailing the Chinese government's attempt to curtail the trade and the resistance of British and Indian merchants.

The final book focuses on the First Opium War, recording its impact on the characters, and in classical Ghosh style, the broader geopolitical landscape. The 'Ibis', notably, serves as a metaphorical and literal link between characters as they navigate war, displacement, and personal ambitions.

In his most recent book, *Smoke and Ashes: A Writer's Journey Through Opium's Hidden Histories* (2023), Ghosh again tails one commodity, opium, focusing on its colonial history and legacy in India and China, and its connection to modern corporate practices.

There are many more books and essays from the body of work of this beloved 'sutradhar of the east'. For him, certainly, lying in wait are many more awards from the world he's trying to hold a mirror to.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A quiz on Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid activist, on his death anniversary

Vighnesh P. Venkitesh

QUESTION 1
What is Nelson Mandela's birthname, which meant 'to pull a branch off a tree' and 'troublemaker' in his Xhosa tribe?

QUESTION 2
Nelson Mandela had a nickname inspired from a popular novel about a hero with a secret identity . What is it?

QUESTION 3
Name the island where Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in imprisonment.

QUESTION 4
Who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Mandela?

QUESTION 5
Name the Spike Lee movie in which Mandela appeared in a guest role?

Visual question:
How is Mandela linked to this flower?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific panel has these many countries and was founded in this year. **Ans: 13 countries; since 2004**
2. The name of the next cyclone that was named by this country. **Ans: Shakthi; Sri Lanka**
3. Cyclone Ockhi was named by this country. **Ans: Bangladesh**
4. The meaning of Cyclone Dana. **Ans: Generosity**
5. This cyclone, named by India, is regarded as the worst tropical cyclone to ever strike the Yemeni island of Socotra. **Ans: Megh**
6. The maximum number of letters the name of a cyclone can have. **Ans: Eight**
Visual: This 1970 cyclone was named in East Pakistan, which is now Bangladesh. **Ans: Cyclone Bhola**
Early Birds: Basavaraj Meti| Jose Joji| Tanishka Gour| M. Suresh Kumar| Lekshmy Harikumar

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian Upendran

"Yes, he's a great runner. And when you think about it, many of the great athletes from America are black."

"Very true. Some of the finest athletes are African-Americans."

"African-Americans?"

"That's right. African-Americans. There's a general feeling that people should not be referred to by their colour. So the word 'black' is being slowly replaced by 'African-American'. And this is particularly true of the media. Newspapers talk of the African-American community and newsreaders announce that the man killed in the shoot-out was an African-American."

"It's strange how one word quickly replaces another. Well, I have to go to the barber now and..."

"Ah! Barber! That's a word one hardly hears in America."

"Really? Then what do they call the chap who cuts everyone's hair?"

"He/she is called a 'hair stylist'."

"Hair stylist! That sounds very stylish indeed!"

"Perhaps that's why they have renamed themselves. 'Hair stylist' sounds much more impressive than 'barber', doesn't it?"

"Well, yes. but..."

"And if you look around, you'll find that most of the professionals have renamed or redesignated themselves. For example, the 'undertaker'..."

"You mean the chap who buries people?"

"Very crudely put. But, yes. He's the man who buries people. Anyway, he is now called a 'Funeral Director'."

"Funeral Director! Sounds impressive."

"It certainly does. And the nurse who looks after you in hospitals is now being called 'Patient-Care Specialist'."

"Patient-Care Specialist! That's a mouthful."

"If you think that's a mouthful, what do you think of 'Petroleum Transfer Engineer'?"

"Petroleum Transfer Engineer! Sounds important. What does he do?"

"He's the chap who works at the petrol bunk and fills petrol in your car."

"But he's not an engineer!"

"But some have started to call themselves that now. Makes the job sound much more dignified and complicated than it really is, doesn't it?"

"It certainly does. But getting back to the word 'barber'. Is there a real difference between a 'barber' and a 'hair-dresser'?"

"I wasn't talking about a 'hairdresser', but a 'hair stylist'."

"What's the difference?"

"A 'hairdresser' usually takes care of women's hair, and a 'hair stylist', men's hair. But coming back to your question, hair stylists believe that there is a difference between a barber and themselves. A barber merely 'cuts' people's hair. A hair stylist, on the other hand, 'shapes' the hair depending upon the client's face."

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Word of the day

Umber:
an earth pigment; a medium brown to dark-brown colour; of the colour of any of various natural brown earth pigments

Synonyms: deep brown

Usage: *It resembled a refurbished house with umber bricks.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/umberpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈʌmbə/

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Educational panel headed by MLA to be set up in all Asseembly segments

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the speedy implementation of educational programmes and development projects, the Karnataka government has decided to constitute educational committees, headed by MLAs of each Assembly constituency, on the model of bagair hukum committees in the State.

The committees will be chaired by the MLA of the respective constituencies. The tahsildar of the taluks concerned, the Block Education Officers (BEOs), the Executive Officers (EO) of taluk panchayats, headmasters of primary and high schools, principals of pre-university colleges, representatives of District Institute of Educational Training (DIETs), and an officer from Panchayat Raj Department will be the members of the committees.

In addition, the government will also nominate seven members including a member each from the Scheduled Castes (SC), the Scheduled Tribes (ST), the Other Backward Classes (OBC), women and general category, and two members from School Development and Monitoring Committees of primary and high schools.

Speaking at a press conference at the Vidhana Soudha, Madhu Bangarappa, Minister of School Education and Literacy, said that the State government is providing thousands of crores, including corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds, for the development of the education sector.

In addition, it has implemented many programmes for the educational development of students. But the officials are not implementing these programmes properly. "Therefore, we decided to form educational committees headed by MLAs in each Assembly constituency to solve all these problems," he said.

The committees will be formed as soon as the winter session of the legislature in Belagavi ends. The committees are likely to meet every two or three months, he added.

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL), in collaboration with SwaTaleem Foundation and Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, has launched Saheli Ki Udaan (Gelathiyarondige Harona), a flagship programme designed to empower adolescent girls in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) and Karnataka Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KKGBVs).

Mr. Bangarappa launched this programme at the Vidhana Soudha.

The programme will focus on addressing systemic barriers faced by girls from Dalit, adivasi, and other historically underrepresented communities.

Govt. planning to adopt 'Gujarat model' in Karnataka varsities

In this system, the Governor will have little control over the administration of universities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

M.C. Sudhakar

The Karnataka government is planning to adopt the "Gujarat model" in State universities, where the Governor will have little control over the administration of the universities.

M.C. Sudhakar, Minister of Higher Education, hinted on Wednesday about bringing the "Gujarat model of administration" in State universities, which restricts the Governor's role only for the convocations of universities. The Governor is the Chancellor of universities.

Speaking about amendments proposed to the Karnataka State Universities (KSU) Act, 2000, the Minister said that many years ago, the Gujarat government amended its State Universities Act and restricted the Governor only for the convocation.

"Everyone, including Opposition parties, talks about the Gujarat model in recent years. Earlier, the Gujarat model was popular across the country. So, what is wrong in adopting such a system in our universities too?" the Minister asked.

The Higher Education Minister's statement is significant, as currently there is a clash between the State government and the Raj Bhavan regarding many issues, and the government has already decided to curtail the powers of the Governor in the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (RDPR University) of Gadag.

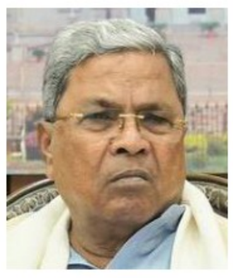
"The amendments we have proposed have nothing to do with the amendments cleared in the recent Cabinet for RDPR university. Amendments we are proposing will be applicable to the universities that come under Karnataka State University (KSU) Act including Visvesvaraya Technological University and others," the Minister said.

The Minister said the draft Bill is ready and will be sent to the Law Department for legal opinion. "In the past, efforts to amend the KSU Act were made by G. Parameshwara when he was the Higher Education Minister, but unfortunately it was not cleared by the then President. It is necessary to bring amendments to the Act considering the administrative reforms at the universities and their abilities," he explained.

The draft Bill is likely to be placed during the winter session of the legislature in Belagavi. "Once we receive legal opinion, we will place the draft Bill before the Cabinet for approval. Following the Cabinet and government advice, the same will be placed before the legislature," he added.

From Page One

ED letter a bid to 'influence' courts: CM


Siddaramaiah

A Division Bench headed by the Chief Justice of the High Court would on Thursday hear an appeal by Mr. Siddaramaiah, who has challenged the September 24, 2024, decision of a single judge who had upheld the Governor's action of granting permission to conduct an investigation against him on the alleged illegalities in the allotment of 14 sites worth ₹56 crore by MUDA.

The appeals filed by Devaraju J., who had sold three acres of land at Kesare village to Mr. Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law in 2004 after getting the land denotified from MUDA, are also listed for hearing along with Mr. Siddaramaiah's appeal.

Speaking at K.R. Pet, the Chief Minister questioned the ED's motive behind sending a letter to the Lokayukta when the investigating agency was conducting a probe and just before the hearing. Mr. Siddaramaiah said the ED's letter was "prejudicial" to the probe by the Lokayukta police as well as the court hearing. He said the letter sent by the ED was "politically motivated" and borne out of "political ill-will".

Mr. Siddaramaiah questioned the ED's powers to conduct an investigation into the matter. He pointed out that the court has directed the Lokayukta to conduct a probe by December 26 following the grant of permission for investigation by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot.

"But why is the ED writing such a letter? What is their intention? Isn't it deliberate?" He said the ED could have submitted a report independently. But by writing a letter to the Lokayukta and releasing its contents to a news agency so as to make it public clearly indicates that the motive is "political", said Mr. Siddaramaiah.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated December 5, we have a story on the recent directives by the High Court of Karnataka to the BBMP to amend its bylaw to impose higher penalties on dog owners who breach norms in treating and cleaning the excrement of their pets in public parks and precincts across the city.

Seat-blocking scam: Investigating officers requested to consider previous years' seat allotments for inquiry

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Higher Education Department has requested the investigating officers probing the seat-blocking scam reported during the seat allotment of engineering courses this year at the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to consider the previous years' seat allotments for the inquiry.

Following the arrest of at least 10 people, including an outsourced employee of the KEA, Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar said: "We suspect that a bigger racket has been operating for several years now and we have requested the investigating officers to consider seat allotments done during the previous years too during the inquiry."

Answering queries about the involvement of private engineering colleges in the scam, the Minister said the government is waiting for details. "We cannot come to a conclusion about the role of the institutions at this stage as the investigation is going on. Let the investigation reveal everything," he added.

INBRIEF

Water adalat today

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday (December 5) between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to address issues relating to water billing, the delay in providing water supply, sanitary connections and delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection.

Job-oriented training course in elderly care

Nightingales Medical Trust, a not-for-profit organisation for the well-being of the elders and those suffering from Dementia, is organising a free one-month 'Job-oriented training course' with a stipend in caregiving and bedside assistance from Monday, December 16, 2024, at Nightingales Medical Trust, Kasturingar.

Interested women and men aged between 18 and 40 years and studied up to class 10 or above and are interested in caregiving for elderly can apply.

For further details, call 080-42426565 or walk in at Nightingales Centre for Ageing and Alzheimer's, 8P6, 3rd Cross, Kasturingar, Banaswadi, Bengaluru.

Federal Bank's 200th branch in Bengaluru zone opened

The 200th branch of the Federal Bank in the Bengaluru zone was inaugurated on Tuesday. It is located in Ramamurthynagar in the city and is equipped with modern workstations, advanced security systems, and high-speed internet connectivity.

B.A. Basavaraj, MLA and former Minister, inaugurated the new branch in the presence of Santosh Koshy, Medical Director at Koshys Hospital and Chairman at Koshys Group of Institutions, Shalini Warrier, Executive Director, Federal Bank and other guests.

Arihant Utsav held

Arihant Group of Institutions, Global Campus, Thalgatpura, organised Arihant Utsav, an inter-school-collegiate fest on November 29, 2024, on the theme "*The Clans of Karnataka*", designed to celebrate the *cultural, historical, and social diversity* that the various clans of Karnataka have contributed to the region.

'Book pharma company in maternal deaths case'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Dinesh Gundu Rao

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Wednesday directed State Drug Control officials to register a case against Paschim Banga Pharmaceuticals, manufacturer of Compound Sodium Lactate Injection IP (Ringer's Lactate), that is suspected to be the cause of the four maternal deaths that occurred in the Ballari District Hospital since November 9.

The Minister, who chaired a meeting with the State Drug Control officials at Vikas Soudha here, directed them to register a case against the company following reports that 22 batches of intravenous fluid were substandard.

All CT and MRI scan services under the National Health Mission's (NHM's) National Free Diagnostic Services (NFDS) programme being offered on a public private partnership (PPP) model in 15 district hospitals will now be routed through the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST).

SAST is the nodal agency that runs the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)-Chief Minister's Arogya Karnataka Scheme.

According to a recent circular, the decision to get all CT and MRI scans preauthorised by SAST comes following suggestions from experts on better implementation and streamlining the referral process under the scheme.

All CT and MRI services in 15 district hospitals were being offered on the PPP model since 2017.

The move is to avoid subjecting patients to scans unnecessarily, performing multiple scans even if not required and referring patients without conducting laboratory tests related to the scan, stated the circular.

"While a similar process of pre-authorisation that is being followed for other packages will be adopted for CT and MRI services too, hospitals can get auto-approval for emergency cases. If the claim is without pre-authorisation or is not found to be an emergency requirement, hospitals will not be reimbursed for the service," the circular stated.

District surgeon wishes to give up post

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

H.C. Lokesh, associate professor of Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS) in Hassan, who continues to hold the additional charge of district surgeon following "oral instruction" from K.N. Rajanna, Minister in charge of the district, despite facing allegations of misconduct by female staff, has expressed his wish to give up the additional charge.

Dr. Lokesh, on Wednesday, sent a letter to the Principal Secretary of the Department of Medical Education, stating that he wished to be relieved of the additional charge, as per an order issued on November 30. He also said that the order did not mention the person to whom he should hand over the charge. In his letter, he requested the Principal Secretary to give orders on that, adding that he would not be responsible "if the patients and the public faced any difficulties in the hospital."

The Department of Medical Education issued the order on November 30 relieving him of the additional charge following complaints from the female staff. Ananya Trust, a women's group, had complained to Mr. Rajanna and senior officers of the department, citing letters by the women staff working at the hospital. The department relieved him of the post after conducting an inquiry. However, Hassan Deputy Commissioner C. Sathyabhama on Tuesday wrote to the director of HIMS not to relieve Dr. Lokesh. She cited "oral instruction" from Mr. Rajanna as the reason.

Meanwhile, as per records, the director of HIMS relieved Dr. Lokesh on November 30 itself and handed over the district surgeon's charge to Raghavendra Prasad, Medical Superintendent of the hospital.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through kpp portal)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered Agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for receipt of tender	Date & time for opening of tender
1	(South-East)-2	BWSSB/EE(SE)-2/TO/PB/2201/ 2024-25 Date: 28.11.2024	Rs.33,01,556/- / Rs.66,031/-	20.12.2024 upto 4.00 pm	23.12.2024 after 4.30 pm
2			Rs.39,62,824/- / Rs.79,260/-		
3			Rs.36,47,253/- / Rs.72,950/-		
4			Rs.29,12,063/- / Rs.58,241/-		
5			Rs.47,23,452/- / Rs.94,470/-		
6			Rs.37,71,253/- / Rs.75,430/-		
7			Rs.46,44,595/- / Rs.92,900/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-East)-2

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

8	(WWW) -H	BWSSB/EE(WWW)-H/PB/1011/ 2024-25 Date: 25.11.2024	Rs.19.08 Lakhs / Rs.47,700/-	19.12.2024 upto 5.30 pm	21.12.2024 at 12.00 Noon

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWW)-H

Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

9	(Central)	BWSSB/EE(C)PB/2482/ 2024-25 Date: 03.12.2024 (5th CALL)	Rs.46,95,014/- / Rs.93,900/-	12.12.2024 upto 5.00 pm	13.12.2024 after 5.30 pm
10		BWSSB/EE(C)PB/2484/ 2024-25 Date: 03.12.2024 (4th CALL)	Rs.31,90,029/- / Rs.63,850/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Central)

Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

11	(South West)-1	BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/3263 2024-25 Date: 04.12.2024 (5th CALL)	Rs.70,57,523/- / Rs.1,41,150/-	13.12.2024 upto 4.00 pm	16.12.2024 after 3.00 pm
12			Rs.27,66,985/- / Rs.55,350/-		
13		BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/3263 2024-25 Date: 04.12.2024 (4th CALL)	Rs.58,97,118/- / Rs.1,17,943/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West)-1

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/3615/AKAR/2024-25

Clamour grows to give Yatnal party post, rather than act against him

Yatnal is not an outsider, we will take him along, says BJP veteran Yediyurappa

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/SHIVAMOGGA

In a reversal of sorts, the complaint against Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) rebel leader Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal and the subsequent show-cause notice from the disciplinary committee seems to have only helped galvanise support for him in the party.

Multiple sources in the party confirmed that there is a growing clamour to "take along" Mr. Yatnal, who has openly rebelled against State party president B.Y. Vijayendra, and give him a prominent organisational post at either the State or national level, instead of expelling him.

Acknowledging the sentiment in the party, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa – against whom Mr. Yatnal has launched a tirade, besides his son Mr. Vijayendra – struck a conciliatory tone.

Speaking to reporters in Shivamogga on Wednesday evening, he said, "Mr. Yatnal is not an outsider. He must be angry for some reason. However, I am of the opinion that we should take everyone together. Vijayendra and Raghavendra [his other son and MP] also have the same opinion." He further added that if there were any differences in party, they could be resolved by talking to each other face to face.

BJP leader Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal addressing the media in Delhi on Wednesday.

BJP leaders led by State unit president B.Y. Vijayendra launched a rally in connection with the waqf land issue, in Bidar on Wednesday.

Yatnal's response
Earlier in the day, Mr. Yatnal filed a six-page response before the party's central disciplinary committee in New Delhi, in which he claimed to have not indulged in any "anti-party activity".

"I have never spoken against the party. Our fight is against corruption and dynastic politics, and for Hindutva. We have done everything through the BJP platform itself," he told media persons in Delhi. Hours before this, he led a delegation of rebel leaders, including Ramesh Jarkiholi, Arvind Limbavali, and Kumar Bangarappa, and met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. "We briefed him on the situation in the State," Mr. Yatnal said.

Support of seniors
Meanwhile, sources in the BJP said Mr. Yatnal has the support of multiple senior leaders, who have not identified themselves with either his faction or Mr. Vijayendra, including multiple senior Lingayat leaders. At a meeting of the Members of Parliament (MPs) from the State chaired by Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, in charge of the party affairs in the State, on Tuesday night, several senior leaders reportedly opposed any move to expel Mr. Yatnal and demanded that the high command must put a check to "one-sided" attitude of Mr. Vijayendra and include Mr. Yatnal in an organisational post.

Given that the party is expected to get a new national president in the New Year, the party organisation is expected to be rejigged, in which Mr. Yatnal should be accommodated either in the State's core committee or in the national organisational setup, many have demanded, sources said. However, Mr. Yatnal and his team of supporters have been reportedly demanding the removal of Mr. Vijayendra as the party's State unit chief.

Meanwhile, Mr. Vijayendra launched the 'Namma Bhoomi Namma Hakku' campaign in Bidar in connection with the waqf land issue. The BJP faction led by Mr. Yatnal has already launched a parallel campaign on the same issue.

Ashok in Delhi
Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok also visited New Delhi and met BJP national president J.P. Nadda on Wednesday.

"The ball is now in the high command's court. I am confident that the issue will be resolved amicably," he said after meeting Mr. Nadda.

Known to have been closer to the Yediyurappa-led faction in the party, Mr. Ashok's stand in the faction fight has raised eyebrows, sources said. Mr. Ashok sought peace to be brokered between Mr. Vijayendra and Mr. Yatnal before the start of the Assembly session on December 9, as both are members of the Assembly and there were concerns that the faction-fight would spill over onto the floor of the Assembly, sources said.

SIT comprising officers from CBI, State police to probe businesswoman's death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Jeeva S., an accused in the State Bhovi development corporation scam case, had ended her life alleging torture by CID Dy. SP Kanakalakshmi

In a rare order, the High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday set up a unique Special Investigating Team (SIT) comprising officers from both the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the State Police Department to probe the death of a businesswoman, an accused in the case of ₹196 crore scam in the Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation, who recently committed suicide due to alleged "torture" by the investigating officer of the State's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) during interrogation.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Kanakalakshmi B.M., a Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy. SP), who had challenged the first information report (FIR) registered against her on November 22 for abetment to suicide under Section 108 of the BNS and under the provision of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Also, the court rejected the plea of the Advocates' Association, Bengaluru (AAB), which had sought the transfer of investigation into the case registered against Ms. Kanakalakshmi to the CBI for an impartial probe.

SIT officers
The SIT would be headed by Vinayak Varma, Superintendent of Police (SP), CBI, Bengaluru, and will include the State's two IPS officers – Akshay M. Hakay, Deputy Commandant General, Home Guards, Bengaluru, and Nisha James, SP, Internal Security Division, Bengaluru.

The court has directed the SIT to take over the investigation immediately without any loss of time and submit the probe report to the court within three months.

Jeeva S., 32, proprietor of Anika Enterprises, who was arraigned as accused number 8 in the Bhovi corporation scam case, committed suicide on November 22, and she had narrated, in a 13-page death note, about the alleged "torture".

The AAB had impleaded in the petition filed by Ms. Kanakalakshmi and had sought the probe by the CBI as Ms. Jeeva was a law graduate and her younger sister Sangeetha S., also arraigned as accused in the Bhovi corporation scam case, is an advocate.

Both Jeeva and Ms. Yashwini M., arraigned as accused number 7 in the scam case, had alleged that Ms. Kanakalakshmi had tortured them mentally and physically from past over a year besides stripping them and examining their private parts on the pretext of suspicion that they may be carrying cyanide and any recording device, every time they appeared for interrogation. Ms. Sangeetha, in her complaint on Jeeva's death, had alleged that Ms. Kanakalakshmi had demanded ₹25 lakh as bribe to close the case against them.

Public confidence
However, the court said that "merely because Ms. Kanakalakshmi is the Dy. SP, it would not mean that the entire police force would be biased in her favour and render a lopsided report. But at the same time, it is necessary to balance public confidence on any investigation being fair." Pointing out that Ms. Kanakalakshmi filed a petition barely three days after the registration of FIR against her, the court said that the kind of allegations made in Jeeva's death note as well as affidavit filed by Ms. Yashswini warrant an investigation at least.

The court clarified that the SIT mainly has to investigate the allegation of abetment to suicide against Ms. Kanakalakshmi and can take steps as per the law if it comes across with any material on the allegation of demand for ₹25 lakh as there is no material available on this allegation at present.

Congress questions timing of ED letter to Lokayukta on MUDA issue and its leak

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

D.K. Shivakumar

Taking exception to the Enforcement Directorate writing to the Lokayukta saying that several irregularities had been found in the case of the transfer of 14 sites to the wife of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), senior Congress leaders and Ministers termed the episode as "politically motivated" and described it as an attempt to influence the ongoing probe by the Lokayukta.

"It is the first time I am witnessing one investigative agency dictating another agency. People will reply to this and we too will reply," said Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

He said, "Investigations must be confidential. All proof must be submitted only to the court. Leaking investigation details to the media shows their desperation. It is clear now there is no strength in their case, we will, however, fight it out in the court of law. We have faith in our legal system."

Parallel probe
Home Minister G. Parameshwara argued that it was illegal to conduct a parallel probe on the same issue and also leak the content. He alleged that the ED was either trying to influence the probe by the Lokayukta or trying to dictate terms to it.

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge termed the ED as a political tool of the BJP and alleged that the agency had leaked the contents of its communication with the Lokayukta to the media to influence the case as the matter was coming up before the court. He said the issue would be tackled legally and politically by the Congress.

He suspected that BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra might have requested the BJP central leadership to leak such contents ahead of the legislature session in Belagavi to cover their own lapses.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's legal adviser Ponnanna alleged that the ED's probe was politically motivated though it did not have any ground to conduct an inquiry in the wake of the Chief Minister's wife returning sites to MUDA. The leaking of the contents of the probe had amounted to compromising with the investigation's sanctity, he maintained.

Yatnal's statement flayed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The All-India Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha has condemned the "derogatory statements" about 12th-century social reformer Basaveshwara made by MLA Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal. In a strongly worded statement, the mahasabha said, "... It is unfortunate that you have not cultivated the practice and values of Veerashaiva Lingayats."

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It is hereby informed to the public that my client, **Sri. MANJUNATH V.** S/o. Venkatesh, residing at No.30, 8th Cross, Bandappa Garden, Yeshwanthapura, BENGALURU-560022 intends to purchase the property more fully described in the schedule hereunder from its lawful owner **SRI.M.S.NATARAJ**, S/o Late M.Siddalingappa, residing at No.2, 3rd Block, 4th stage, Basaveshwranagar, Opp. Apex Bank, BENGALURU -560079 and if any person (s) having any objections or claims, interest may send their objections with all supportive documents to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of this publication failing which my clients would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there is no claim or objections.

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Name of the work : Tender for the work of "Improvements of Water Supply System to Bidadi under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation and Maintenance for a period of 5 years (including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) mode"
Indent No.: KUWSDB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT 281
For further details may be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/3623/AKAR/2024-25
Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (B), KUWS & D BOARD, Bengaluru

Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department
Office of the Director, No. 34, Lotus Towers, Race Course Road, Bangalore -560 001

No. STWD/Training/CR/02/2024-25 **Date:04.12.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP portal only)

The Director, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department has invited tender to provide drone-based photography and videography training to Scheduled Tribe youths (Male & Female) through E-Procurement Portal of **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The eligible bidders can apply the tender through E-Procurement Portal.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Last date for submission of tender	Approx. Tender Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing drone-based photography and videography training to Scheduled Tribe youths (Male & Female)	19.12.2024	4,00,00,000/-

Note: More details can be had from the KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or office of The Director, Scheduled Tribes welfare Department during office hours. Contact No. 080-22261787.

DIPR/CP/JA/3625/2024-25
Sd/- Deputy Director, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department Bengaluru

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
(ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
In the Matter of Companies ACT, 2013
And
In the Matter of Section 66 of the Companies Act, 2013
And
In the Matter of
HYDRO BS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
CP No. 16/ BB/2024
HYDRO BS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U46620KA2010FTC165319
Registered Office at :
Nos. 201-202
Municipal Nos. 29/14 & 29/15
2nd Floor, Prestige Meridian-1, 29
M. G Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
...PETITIONER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ORDER CONFIRMING REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

Notice is hereby given that, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal at Bengaluru by its order dated the 06.11.2024, confirmed the reduction of the Subscribed and paid up share capital of the above-named company from INR 3,44,59,64,800/- (Rupees Three Hundred and Forty Four Crore Fifty Nine Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Only) consisting of 3,44,59,648 (Three Crore Forty Four Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Eight Only) equity shares of Rs. 100/- (Rupees Hundred) each fully paid to INR 24,62,81,300 (Rupees Twenty-four Crores Sixty two Lakhs Eighty one Thousand and Three Hundred Only) consisting of 24,62,813 (Twenty Four Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen Only) equity shares of INR 100 (Rupee Hundred) each fully paid up and the General Reserve and balance in Profit and Loss Account is Nil respectively reduced from Rs. 41,55,619/- and Rs. 2,82,71,95,202/- respectively.

Dated this 5th Day of December 2024.

For Hydro BS India Private Limited.
Sandeep Jayaprakash Kuncham
Director, DIN: 09723607
Email: Sandeep.Kuncham@hydro.com
Phone : 080-4665 4003 /4051

Government of Karnataka
National Health Mission
DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY
DISTRICT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE OFFICE, KALABURAGI

No:NHM/RCHO/K/67/2024-25 Date:03/12/2024

TENDER

MANPOWER AGENCY T ENDER THROUGH OUTSOURCE AGENCY

Particulars & Date:
1) Materials: **Procurement of Outsource Man power Tender Under NHM,** 2) Approximate Tender Amount: **Rs. 4,16,51,781/- (Eight Crore Sixteen Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Seven hundred Eighty one only),** 3) EMD Amount : Rs. 8,33,036/-, 4) Tender Documents process in **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)** Portal : **Date: 05.12.2024, 10.00 AM,** 5) Tender Pre Bid Meeting: **Date: 17.12.2024, 11.00 AM**, 6) Appling for Tender Last Date : **04.01.2025 Evening 4:00 PM**, 7) Date &Time Opening Tender Documents (Technical) : **Date: 06.01.2025 Evening 4:30 PM**, 8) Date & Time Opening Tender Documents (Financial): **Date: 13.01.2025 Afternoon 1:00 PM**, 9) Tender Document Opening Appropriate Authority & Place: Member Secretary, District Health & FW Society ,& District RCH Officer, District Health & Family Welfare office, Kalaburgi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/685/KSMC&A/2024-25
Sd/- Member Secretary District Health & F.W. Society and RCHO Officer, Kalaburagi

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from registered Agencies for the following works:
Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender EMD (in Rs.)	Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
1	East-2	BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1840 (Reserved for ST Category)	Rs.17,37,050/- Rs.21,750/-	12.12.2024 upto 4:00 PM	13.12.2024 after 4:00 PM
2		BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1841 (Reserved for SC Category)	Rs.67,77,100/- Rs.67,800/-		
3		BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1842	Rs.40,83,200/- Rs.81,700/-		
4		BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1843	Rs.32,37,800/- Rs.64,800/-		
5		BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1844	Rs.99,96,900/- Rs.1,99,500/-		
6		BWSSB/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT1845	Rs.32,92,000/- Rs.65,900/-		

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (East-2)**

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurment process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.
DIPR/CP/BCPL/3624/2024-25

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Ever smiling, courteous, soft spoken, always keeping others welfare in mind, you personified the qualities of श्रेयोभिलाषी (Śrēyōbhilāṣi), and मधुरवाक्ये (Madhuravākyē). सात्विकदेवलोकायागच्छन्तिसुखभागिनः Goodness leads people to the regions of the Divine and great happiness is attained (Sāṁkhyakārikā)

P. Girija.Iyer
Retd. from State Bank of India
13.04.1950 - 30.11.2024
10th Day Ceremony at Chennai on 9th December 2024.
13th Day Shubasyasweekaram Luncheon at Chennai at 11am.
Remembered by
Ms. S. Jayalaxmi (Mother)
Mr. P. Rajamony Iyer (Husband)
Sons & Daughter(s)-in-law
Mr. Mukund & Mrs. Kalyani
Mr. Balaji Iyer & Mrs. Smitha Subhas
Grand Children
Shanmukh, Nilanjana & Kirat Iyer
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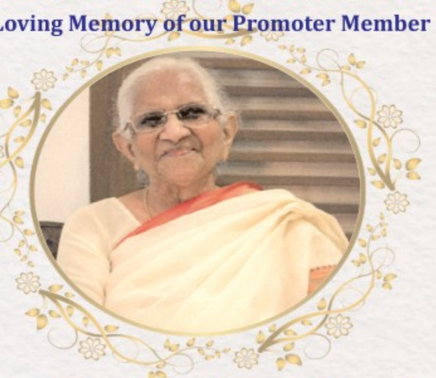
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SECOND ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of our Promoter Member



Late Smt. Panda Lalithamba
01.07.1926 – 05.12.2022
We cherish our memories of her and pray for her soul to rest in peace !
Management and Staff of Beardsell Limited

Will people of the city learn to clean up after their pets after the High Court's directions?

The directions were the result of a PIL petition, filed in 2021, by Compassion Unlimited Plus Action, an NGO, seeking directions to authorities to effectively implement Solid Waste Management laws

Yemen S.
BENGALURU

While pet owners have the liberty to take their dogs to the parks, the other sections of society who visit the parks have a right to enjoy a clean environment," the High Court of Karnataka recently observed, while directing the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to amend its bylaw to impose higher penalty on dog owners who breach norms in treating and cleaning the excrement of their pets in public parks and precincts across the city.

The direction by the High Court has been taken well by many pet owners, walkers and resident welfare associations. However, they seek strict implementation of penalties in the parks, and as a step forward, rules for pet owners that are applicable beyond parks too.

The directions were issued by the court while disposing of a PIL petition, filed in 2021, by Compassion Unlimited Plus Action, an NGO, seeking directions to authorities to effectively implement Solid Waste Management (SWM) laws and mandating pet owners to carry biodegradable poop bags in parks, etc. The Bench issued directions as the government and the BBMP told the court that pet owners do not follow the guidelines due to which the public outrage for allowing pet dogs in parks, including Cubbon Park and Lalbagh, is high. "The luxury of owning dogs may be enjoyed only by strictly observing the guidelines statutorily provided regarding cleanliness and hygiene," the Bench observed.

In addition to the guidelines BBMP has issued, BAF has explained them to residents in a simpler language. FILE PHOTO

"The authorities taking care of parks, or RWAs at societies and apartments can use the guidelines as a base, have their own fine structure and act as per the guidelines," said Suralkar Vikas Kishor Special Commissioner of BBMP's Animal Husbandry Department. FILE PHOTO

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Not enough staff

But how soon can the citizens of Bengaluru see action on this front?

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Suralkar Vikas Kishor, Special Commissioner of BBMP's Animal Husbandry Department, says that guidelines were issued months ago. "We issued a guideline to pet owners, resident welfare associations (RWAs), and dog feeders in July. We issued the guideline as there were many quarrels breaking out at the RWAs level and in parks. In order to clarify what the BBMP's stand is and what everyone must follow, we issued these guidelines. The authorities taking care of parks, or RWAs at societies and apartments can use the guidelines as a base, have their own fine structure and act as per the guidelines." he said.

"The High Court has asked us to mandate it now, and we will work on it. The orders will be implemented on similar lines to our previous guidelines. However, at the BBMP's Animal Husbandry Department we have got a very limited number of people. Implementation on the ground will be challenging for us, but we will make sure the guidelines act as deterrence," Kishor added.

Need for awareness

Deepika Ramesh, a resident of BTM Layout and a dog owner, said as a responsible dog owner, she completely supports this decision. "It is frustrating to see people leave pet waste in parks. However, many pet owners genuinely don't know about these rules. Instead of just penalising, the BBMP should focus on awareness campaigns and installing proper signage in parks to educate everyone," she explained.

"This is a welcome step, making the rules stricter is a good move. But how will the BBMP enforce it with its limited staff? It's not practical unless they work with RWAs and park authorities to create a sustainable plan. If implemented properly, these guidelines could help reduce the conflicts between pet owners and others," said Sharath Gowda, a dog owner and resident of Kathriguppe.

Aravind N., a frequent walker at Mini Forest in J.P. Nagar, said that the High Court's directive is justified. "Parks are shared spaces, and it's only fair that pet owners ensure their dogs don't disrupt the cleanliness or comfort of others. This step will promote accountability and harmony among park visitors," he said.

What RWAs say

Meanwhile, Vikram Rai, the president of Bangalore Apartment's Federation (BAF) said that the BBMP's Animal Husbandry Department has put in clear guidelines that includes clauses regarding cleaning up after their pet. "The latest edition of the guidelines by the BBMP covers most of the pet-related issues and they have been very helpful. The guidelines are aimed at RWAs, pet owners, and feeders, which comprehensively covered everything," he explained.

In addition to the guidelines BBMP has issued, BAF has explained them to residents in a simpler language. "We keep track of the complaints we receive from all apartments, since the guidelines have been issued, we have not had any issues regarding pets. In fact, we got quite a few responses from people saying these guidelines are reasonable, ," said Vikram.

Stricter rules needed

However, residents from smaller apartment complexes or apartments that do not fall under the BAF feel that stricter rules must be enforced and they should not just be restricted to parks.

"I live in a small apartment complex where many pet owners don't follow these rules. It becomes a nightmare when people don't clean up after their pets in shared spaces. Stricter enforcement outside parks is long overdue to ensure basic hygiene and respect for everyone," said a resident, who preferred to stay anonymous, from an apartment in Marathahalli.

Many living in smaller apartment complexes complain about there being little monitoring. "Shared spaces like corridors and small play areas often end up dirty, which becomes a health hazard and a reason for conflict among neighbours. It is unfair to those of us who follow the rules and maintain cleanliness. I believe stricter rules and penalties are absolutely necessary to ensure everyone behaves responsibly. This will not only improve hygiene but also reduce the growing tension between pet owners and non-pet owners in our community," said another resident at an apartment complex in Turahalli.

BBMP guidelines for pet owners, RWAs and dog feeders

- Verify if apartments/houses have sufficient space indoors and outdoors to keep pets
- Proactively declare the number of pets owned to the association if any
- Clean, groom, deworm, vaccinate and neuter pets on time
- Keep health records up to date and send vaccination records to association
- Maintain hygiene inside the house, balcony, private terrace too
- Pick after pets and dispose the excreta as per association guidelines or in a way that doesn't inconvenience anyone
- Ensure lifts/stairs/passageways are cleaned in case of a mess from the pet unexpectedly
- If pets are provided alternative lift, alternative common area or dedicated pet area, use them
- Notify BBMP in case rules defined cause grief to pets and are outside the existing animal laws
- Ensure pets (excluding cats) are leashed while on walks in common areas by using a snug harness and a length of leash that doesn't intimidate others
- Ensure pets have access to sufficient clean water, nutritious food, and timely medical support at any point of time
- Provide clean and appropriate bedding for pets to rest
- Ensure none of the pets are caged or leashed or left in the balcony or at places where there is no cover from extreme weather
- Sterilize pets before they attain the breeding age as per ABC law 2023
- Spend time with your pets and train them if they are hyperactive, to avoid mishaps in public interactions
- Take appropriate measures to check the reason for incessant barking
- Do not allow children under 18 to walk or handle pets in public spaces without adult supervision

Skill Development Minister calls upon corporates to adopt ITIs

The Minister said the government had already initiated various programmes to empower the youth by providing them with skill training.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Medical Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil called upon corporates to adopt and develop government-run Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and take the lead in offering employment-oriented skill training.

Signing the MoUs with various industries for providing employability skills in Bengaluru on Wednesday, the Minister said the government had already initiated various programmes to empower the youth by providing them with skill training. Industrial houses should also focus on training and employment opportunities, he said. He said the government is committed to modernising government ITIs and a proposal is prepared for funding from Asia Development Bank.

"We are replacing outdated equipment in ITIs with modern machinery, which will benefit the students. Training programs are being organized in districts like Bengaluru and Kalaburagi."

Under the Prime Minister's Suryamitra-Mukt Bijli Yojana, more than 5,000 candidates from 252 government ITIs in the state have undergone short-term training in solar panel installation and maintenance. This initiative will open up better employment opportunities for them, he said.

Scientists, astronomers meet to explore moon as vantage point for studying Universe

Discussions revolved around a diverse range of topics, including understanding space weather from the moon to exploring cosmology using the moon's radio quietness

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Astronomers from across the country, along with scientists, researchers from ISRO and industry discussed the possibilities of studying the cosmos from the moon, as ISRO accounted yet another lunar mission in the future.

In the first of a symposium series announced by the Astronomical Society of India (ASI), researchers from the Raman Research Institute (RRI) and U.R. Rao Satellite Centre (URSC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation, organised a three-day symposium titled 'Astronomy from Moon in the era of Indian lunar missions' which was held at RRI over December 2 to 4. According to the release, leveraging the unique lunar environment can provide abundant information to study the Universe, enabling astronomy studies better than on Earth or elsewhere in space.

The symposium was attended by over 60 participants including members from several notable institutions.

Discussions revolved around a diverse range of topics, including understanding space weather from the moon, planning astronomy experiments on future lunar missions such as conducting Infrared / Ultraviolet and X-ray observations, exploring cosmology using the moon's radio quietness, studying meteorites and cosmic rays, and conceptualizing deci-hertz gravitational wave measurements through sensitive seismometry, among other related subjects.

A public talk titled 'Clear Skies over a steady horizon: Astronomy from the Moon' by gravitational wave scientist Prof. Jan Harms from the Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy, was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium on December 3 under the "*Vignyana Kathegalu*" - stories in science series from RRI.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 5, 1974

New Techniques to Speed up Kali Work

Bangalore, Dec. 4. The Mysore Power Corporation, which Is constructing the giant Kali hydel project In North Kanara district, has successfully attempted the introduction of modern management concepts in the project construction work.

The new techniques are dictated by the Corporation's resolve to keep to the schedules, as far as possible, and get the project to generate the initial quantum of 1.000 million units of energy by 1977-78, a quantity equivalent to one-fourth of the Sharavathi project's output.

The application of modern management techniques to river valley project construction is the second plus point for the Karnataka set up after the formation of a separate corporation for the construction of power projects.

Non-Formal Education Scheme from Next Year

Bangalore, Dec. 4: The Karnataka Government is to make a beginning next year (1975-76) in the Implementation of the scheme for non-formal education in the State.

The non-formal education scheme is meant for children upto the age of 15 who have dropped out or who are unable to attend regular schools, and also for those in the 15-25 age group.

The Government has drawn up the scheme with an outlay of over Rs. 135 lakhs in the Fifth Plan for continuing education. However, during 1975-76, the Government proposes to spend about Rs. 12.5 lakhs on the scheme.

The Bengaluru Theatre Festival makes its debut this weekend with a stellar line up of artistes and shows

Act I, Scene I Stills from *Salaam Noni Appa* (far left) and *Old World*, Lillete Dubey (below). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Scaling the fourth wall

Ruth Dhanaraj

Theatre lovers in the city can rejoice and free up their social calendar – the Bengaluru Theatre Festival has its opening night this weekend with an enviable ensemble cast that includes the likes of Naseeruddin Shah, Ratna Patak, Lillete Dubey, Pankaj Kapur and others.

The Bengaluru Theatre Festival (BTH) comes to the city courtesy of Alchemist LIVE, the same name behind the Delhi Theatre Festival. According to Prabhu Tony, COO and co-founder of Alchemist LIVE, Bengaluru seemed to be an obvious choice when it came to augmenting the festival's reach.

"We've been running the Delhi Theatre Festival for five seasons now and we wanted to expand the footprint of the festival and take it to other cities. Not only was Bangalore one of the names which kept coming up over the last few years, but we also received a lot of queries from the people of the city requesting a similar festival there."

"I think Bangalore was a natural choice. And when we spoke to the artistes and others about it, we got a resounding "Yes!" so we're here now," says Prabhu.

For their debut, BTH will be staging *Dopehri* by Pankaj Kapur, *Old World* by Naseeruddin Shah and Ratna Pathak Shah, and *Salaam Noni Appa* by Lillete Dubey, Yateen Karyekar, Jayati Bhatia, Rishi Khurana, and Gillian Pinto. About the curation of this lineup, Tony says, "These artistes have been associated with us at the Delhi Theatre Festival (DTH) for a while now, and they were all quite excited about being a part of the BTH opening as well."

"*Old World* by Naseer*saab* is premiering in Bangalore, while *Salaam Noni Appa* featuring Lillete Dubey is a bestseller written by Twinkle Khanna. *Dopehri* is based on a novella written by Pankaj Kapur himself. All our selections are unique in their own way – while *Old World* has a sage and energetic vibe, and *Dopehri* is a unique one-man show, *Salaam Noni Appa* has full-fledged action unfolding on stage."

Prabhu says they wish to bring "all the vibrance and vivaciousness as well as a sense of community" associated with a music fest to the theatre scene with their events. "At this year's edition of DTH, we had close to 15,000 people at the theatre across four venues, three days and across 12-13 shows. Now, that is something that we are bringing to Bangalore, in the hope that we can introduce more people to this art form."

"When you want to experience theatre for the first time in your life, you probably want to see the best," he says, adding that in the years to come, they hope to bring "different kinds and modes of theatre" for people to experience.

Being human

Salaam Noni Appa is a heartwarming story of second chances, and was adapted for the stage by Adhir Bhat. It is about two widowed sisters who live together and what transpires when one of them finds love in an unexpected way.

Lillete, who plays the lead, says *Salaam Noni Appa* is about the beauty of different relationships, "the one with her sister, the one she forms with somebody younger than her and a person from a completely different background," and adds that it is a story of not being limited "by what society deems fit for you at a certain stage or a certain age."

"Life never stops. As long as you are ready to get out of your comfort zone and take some chances, life is full of infinite possibilities in every way. This happens to be about a relationship, but I believe it goes far beyond that," elaborates Lillete.

Salaam Noni Appa is quite entertaining, she says. "It is funny, poignant and is a sort of autumn romance. It has all those elements which make it popular, but above all, it's inspiring. And people always relate to anything that is inspiring."

Well, it certainly must be – *Salaam Noni Appa* which debuted nearly a decade ago, opens its 75th show in Bengaluru, having been staged multiple times in Mumbai, Delhi and other Indian cities as well as Singapore, Dubai and other international venues.

"The play alludes to many little things with a light and deft touch. While it is not a serious or intense play, it is not frivolous either," says the actor.

Heart felt

The actor began her stage career with Barry John in Delhi while still in her teens and went on to found The Primetime Theatre Company in 1991.

"When I decided to set up my own company it was largely because of two reasons. Firstly, I wanted a platform to showcase original Indian work; even if it was initially written in a regional language, I wanted to do it in English. And secondly, my aim was to travel with those plays across the world as I wanted non-Indian audiences to see our work," says Lillete.

She adds, "Both were difficult to achieve because in those days, very few plays were original; there were a lot of translations and adaptations of work written outside, with just about a handful by Indian playwrights."

"My heart belongs to theatre and film has always been a parallel activity," she says.

It comes at no surprise then, that Lillete and her troupe were thrilled to be a part of the Bengaluru Theatre Festival.

"Anyone who is doing anything to promote and encourage theatre has all my admiration and blessings, because I am such a passionate advocate of the art form. The Delhi Theatre Festival has been growing from strength to strength every year and Bangalore is one of those culturally live cities. Hopefully, this venture will encourage them to branch out into smaller cities in our country."

Lillete rues how many are unmindful of the "blood, sweat and tears" that go into a theatre production. "People would rather watch a movie than a play. However, theatre should be more highly valued since it is a live medium as opposed to a mass medium which has thousands of screens showing the same film all over India. A theatre has one show with an actor performing for audiences assembled that day. You have to value that and the work that has been put in to produce it."

The Bengaluru Theatre Festival is from December 6-8 at Good Shepherd Auditorium. Tickets and schedule on Bookmyshow.

CITYBEATS

Celebrating handmade

DECEMBER 4-8
Hundred Hands is unveiling the December edition of the Festival of Handmade, as part of BLR Hubba's festivities. This edition has an array of winter and holiday collections that include jewellery, home decor, textiles, knitwear and more, crafted by over 150 artisans from 25 states. *At Freedom Park from December 4- 8 from 11am to 8pm. Entry free.*

Stollen moments

ONGOING
SAPA has a range of festive treats this Christmas with Stollen being their speciality. Stollen is a rich, fruit-filled German Christmas bread, which matures in flavour. Panettone (traditional Italian holiday bread), classic vanilla, chocolate hazelnut and gingerbread cookies are also available. *Orders can be placed on airmenus.in/sapa/christmas*

Strum it up

DECEMBER 6 AND 7
Gear up for an evening of jazz featuring the Gustav Lundgren Trio with Gustav on the guitar, bassist Pär-Ola Landin and Ola Bothzén on the drums. Gustav, is one of Europe's foremost jazz guitarists, who has collaborated with artistes such as Chris Cheek and Swedish House Mafia. *At Windmills, Whitefield, 9.30pm. Tickets and details on Windmills website.*

A collision of ideas

A unique perspective Author Shoba Narayan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Two celebrated creative minds will explore how art and dance inspire each other at the Museum of Art and Photography on December 5. Author Shoba Narayan and dancer Madhu Nataraj come together for an evening of thought-provoking dialogue.

This conversation, a part of the BLR Hubba 2024, promises to be a fascinating look at how different forms of creativity overlap and enrich each other.

Shoba, a James Beard Award-winning author and journalist with three decades of storytelling experience, will bring her insights into how narratives shape art and identity. Madhu, a globally acclaimed choreographer and artistic director, will offer a dancer's perspective on how movement can be a language of collaboration and innovation.

Shoba's passion for storytelling spans beyond writing – she's worked with textiles, jewellery, and even welded steel sculptures. She has an MFA (ABD) in sculpture from the University of Memphis.

Madhu's achievements in dance are equally impressive, with over 300 choreographies performed across 36 countries. Both artistes have pushed the boundaries of their respective fields, making this event a must-attend for anyone curious about the creative process.

The discussion will cover everything from the spacio-temporal dynamics of dance to the role of art in fostering innovation. Whether you're an artist, an art lover, or someone simply looking for fresh perspectives, this event promises to inspire.

The talk is scheduled for December 5, 6.30pm at MAP Bengaluru. Admission is free, but prior registration is required. Visit mapindia.org for details.

Grooming art sleuths

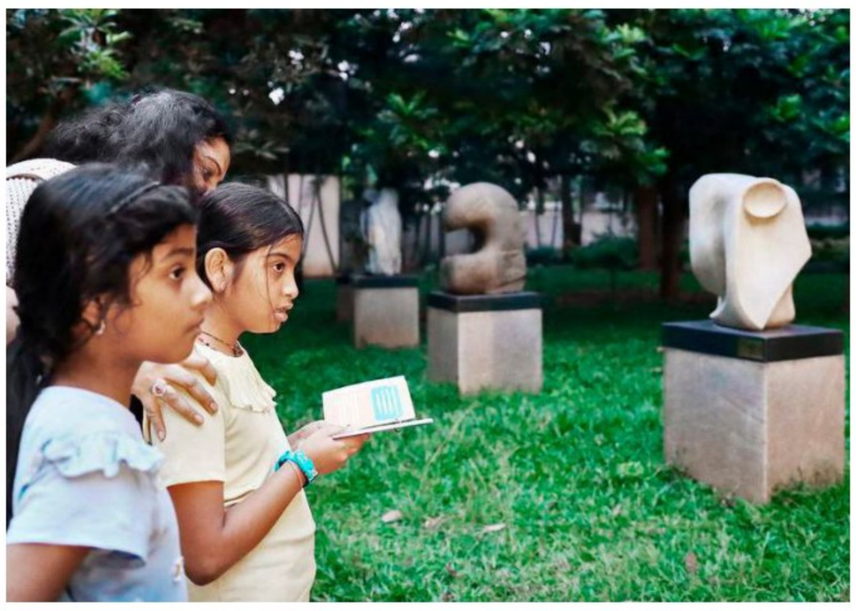
Meghna Barik

In an effort to bridge the oft-perceived gap between art and the everyday visitor, the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Bengaluru, has introduced Art Detective Cards – an interactive tool designed to engage children and spark their interest in the world of art.

This initiative, recently launched in collaboration with the Rereeti Foundation, marks a significant step toward making museums more inclusive and accessible to the younger generation. The launch event, which took place at the museum's serene Sculpture Garden, was a lively affair, featuring a theatrical performance by Bangalore Little Theatre. The troupe performed adaptations of Rabindranath Tagore's plays, adding a touch of storytelling magic to an evening that celebrated creativity and exploration.

The Art Detective Cards are designed to transform a visit to NGMA into a treasure hunt for young visitors. Aimed at two distinct age groups – 6 to 8 years and 9 to 10 years – the cards present clues and tasks that encourage children to identify and interact with artworks, especially the sculptures in NGMA Bengaluru's permanent collection.

The cards are available in English, Kannada, and Hindi, ensuring inclusivity across linguistic boundaries. Visitors can borrow the cards from the museum's art shop for a nominal deposit fee. The idea is simple: children use the cards to explore and solve puzzles around the artworks. Once they complete the activity, they can return the cards and receive a small sticker set as a reward, making the experience both engaging and rewarding.



Child's play Bengaluru's NGMA has launched detective cards to help children understand art better. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Talking about the initiative, Priyanka Mary Francis, director of NGMA Bengaluru, said, "Back in 2009, when NGMA Bengaluru was conceptualised, a similar card game was introduced. However, the rotating nature of our exhibitions rendered the original cards obsolete. With no permanent display, the cards became obsolete."

Determined to reintroduce the concept, Priyanka and her team aimed to create a tool that was not only educational but also enduring. "Both the exterior and interiors of the Sculpture Garden houses a permanent set of artworks. This allowed us to design a sustainable activity that engages children meaningfully."

NGMA's collaboration with the Rereeti Foundation, a Bengaluru-based organisation specialising in museum strategies and programs, brought a professional and community-focused approach to the initiative. Known for their expertise in designing programs that foster a sense of belonging in cultural spaces, Rereeti played a pivotal role in the cards' redevelopment.

Art has often been considered an elite domain, inaccessible to many, especially children. By introducing these cards, NGMA Bengaluru seeks to dismantle this perception and make art more approachable.

"Many children visit museums because their parents bring them, not because they are naturally inclined to explore art. The cards offer an opportunity for them to engage with art on their terms, turning the visit into an adventure rather than a chore," said Priyanka.

The cards are more than just a tool for fun; they serve as an entry point into the larger world of art appreciation. By stimulating curiosity and fostering hands-on interaction, they lay the foundation for a lifelong connection with art. By creating a child-friendly atmosphere, NGMA hopes to encourage repeat visits and foster a culture of art appreciation among younger audiences.

Thankfully, the initiative is not a one-off event. NGMA Bengaluru plans to introduce new detective cards for more exhibitions, ensuring the activity evolves with the museum's offerings.

The Art Detective Cards are now available at NGMA Bengaluru.

INBRIEF

First part of autobiography soon: CPI(M) leader Jayarajan

Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader E.P. Jayarajan is preparing to release the first part of his autobiography by December-end. A row broke out in Kerala over the autobiography after its purported excerpts – said to be critical of the Pinarayi government – were released by publisher DC Books on November 13, the day byelections were held in the State. Mr. Jayarajan filed a police complaint, alleging a conspiracy behind the unauthorised release.

Teacher dies after students punch him in classroom

A 45-year-old teacher died after three students allegedly attacked him in their classroom in Annamayya district of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday. The incident took place at the Zilla Parishad Urdu High School in Kothapalle village. Sources said the teacher, Ezhas Ahmed, told the class to maintain silence and reportedly chided a group of students in the process. In response, three students, including two siblings, allegedly punched him on the chest leading to his death.

T.N. pilgrim killed, around 20 injured as bus falls into gorge

One person was killed and around 20 others were injured when a bus carrying pilgrims from Sabarimala collided with a lorry and plunged into a gorge at Aryankavu in Kollam district early on Wednesday. The deceased has been identified as Dhanapalan from Salem, Tamil Nadu. The injured have been admitted to the Punalur Taluk Hospital. Two critically injured passengers have been shifted to Government Medical College Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram.

5.3 magnitude earthquake jolts Telangana's Mulugu

Tremors felt in central and northern India; biggest earthquake recorded in the past 55 years in the region; no reports of casualties or property damage as seismic energy dispersed at greater depth

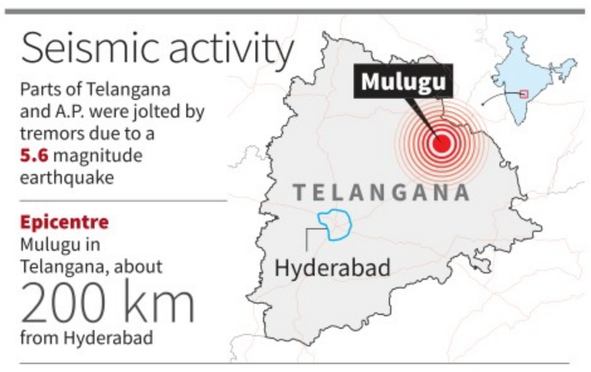
The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A magnitude 5.3 earthquake on Richter Scale that originated 40 km below ground in the Eturnagaram forest area of Telangana was felt in central and northern India at 7.27 a.m. The National Centre for Seismology (NCS) identified the location as 185km NNE of Nalgonda and 219km ENE of Hyderabad. Many citizens reported feeling the tremors for a few seconds. There were no reports of loss of life or damage to property.

"The epicentre of the earthquake is confined to the Godavari fault system and its vicinity where several earthquakes in the past happened and it is therefore, the zone of strain energy release and occurred at the deeper layers that caused the lesser degree of shaking than expected due to dissipation of maximum seismic energy at the deeper depth," says a preliminary analysis by the NCS.

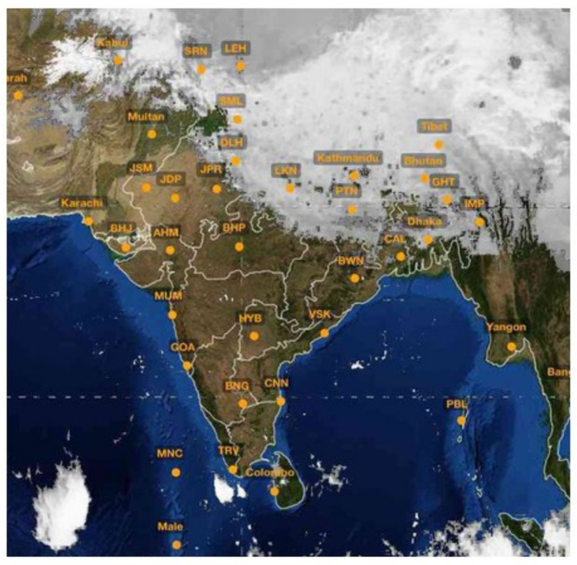
While the NCS identified the location in the forests of Eturnagaram, the US Geological Survey monitoring station reported the quake as originating on the banks of the Godavari River near the same location. The NCS said it received 100 felt-responses on its app and website with most of them originating in Telangana.

CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) scientists said that the 'moderate' earthquake that occurred at Medaram in Mulugu district is the second biggest one recorded in the last 55 years in the region, but there is "nothing to be alarmed about".



WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam. Squally weather is likely to prevailing over northern parts of southeast Arabian sea adjoining Lakshadweep area and adjoining east central and southwest Arabian sea area

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.2	15.0	Kozhikode	—	33.0	24.9
Ahmedabad	—	31.8	19.8	Kurnool	2	32.4	22.1
Aizawl	—	28.3	13.6	Lucknow	—	29.3	11.6
Allahabad	—	30.4	12.6	Madurai	—	32.5	25.5
Bengaluru	—	26.3	19.2	Mangaluru	11.4	29.2	24.3
Bhopal	—	26.5	15.8	Mumbai	—	37.3	25.5
Bhubaneswar	—	32.2	20.2	Mysuru	—	28.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	26.4	13.1	New Delhi	—	28.0	12.0
Chennai	—	32.4	25.9	Patna	—	27.4	15.6
Coimbatore	—	30.4	23.6	Port Blair	—	30.7	23.4
Dehradun	—	27.4	9.5	Puducherry	—	31.0	25.0
Gangtok	—	14.6	9.0	Pune	—	31.6	23.7
Goa	—	33.0	25.0	Raipur	—	32.4	20.9
Guwahati	—	28.0	17.0	Ranchi	—	27.4	12.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	—	17.6	7.0
Hyderabad	—	29.0	22.2	Shimla	—	18.6	9.2
Imphal	—	24.6	11.7	Srinagar	—	13.7	-2.0
Jaipur	—	27.8	13.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.1	25.7
Kochi	—	30.9	25.2	Tiruchi	5	32.5	24.0
Kohima	—	20.8	7.7	Vijayawada	—	31.6	24.0
Kolkata	—	28.0	16.8	Visakhapatnam	0.5	29.3	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.18	.36	16	201	115	
Bengaluru	.11	.21	36	66	72	
Chennai	8	.21	61	51	62	
Delhi	.11	.67	38	262	203	
Hyderabad	.30	.18	43	74	75	
Kolkata	.15	.47	51	246	180	
Lucknow	5	.39	67	195	194	
Mumbai	.12	100	.2	160	165	
Pune	—	.64	12	154	107	
Visakhapatnam	9	.45	35	190	120	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hajipur, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 345 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Belgaum, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Rise above politics, provide relief to people hit by Wayanad landslide: Priyanka to Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, leading a delegation of parliamentarians from Kerala, called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday to seek the Centre's support for the landslide-affected people of Wayanad.

Ms. Vadra said the Centre should rise above partisan politics in providing relief and pointed out that the landslide-affected people in Wayanad had no support system left. The delegation included K.C. Venugopal and Kodikunnil Suresh of the Congress, John Britas of the CPI(M), E.T. Mohammed Basheer of the Indian Union Muslim League.

Ms. Vadra said people had a lot of hope after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the area and if the Centre could not step up to meet the expectations of the victims, it would send a very bad message to the entire country.

"We apprised him of the situation there and told him how people have been devastated because the river's entire course has changed and everything was washed away," she told reporters after meeting Mr. Shah.

The Congress MP said the Home Minister told the delegation that he would provide by Thursday evening the details of what was promised and what had been given in relief.

The disaster, which struck Wayanad on July 30, devastated large parts of three villages – Punchirimattam, Chooralmala, and Mundakkai. As per official records, 231 people were killed.

Hyderabad to get India's first Google Safety Engineering Centre

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Google has chosen Hyderabad to set up Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC).

The Telangana government has entered into a 'strategically-crucial' and broad ranging partnership with Google on Wednesday with the company asserting that it is committed to establishing India's first Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in the city, as per an announcement.

It would be the first-of-its-kind in the Asia-Pacific region, after Tokyo, and only the fifth in the world, with similar facilities in Dublin, Munich and Malaga.

GSEC's focus

"This GSEC is a specialised international cybersecurity hub that will play a vital role in developing advanced security and online safety products for the Indian context. The centre will focus on cutting-edge research, AI-driven security solutions, and creating a collaborative platform for leading experts and researchers in cybersecurity. It also aims to foster skill development, boost employment, and enhance cybersecurity capabilities in India," as per the press release.

The establishment of GSEC in Hyderabad will be transformative for the city and the State, bringing in best-in-class safety engineers, local policy experts, and collaboration with academic institutions and government partners to address the unique challenges of cybersecurity in India, it added.

Mobile awareness

Safety first: The Karnataka State Road Safety Authority conducting an awareness drive to educate people about road safety using display vans at different locations in Mangaluru on Wednesday. H.S. MANJUNATH

Fengal impact: 42,000 shifted to camps in three districts

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government on Wednesday said it had shifted 42,259 people from flood-hit areas of Villupuram, Kallakurichi, and Cuddalore to relief camps, owing to the devastating impact of Cyclone Fengal.

A press release said the evacuees were given food, milk, and other essentials.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin advised Ministers in-charge, District Monitoring Officers, and other authorities to step up relief measures. On the orders of the Chief Minister, Ministers K. Ponmudy, V. Senthilbalaji, and S.S. Sivasankar, along with senior officials, were coordinating relief efforts in Villupuram. Since December 1, people residing in low-lying areas had been evacuated and shifted to relief camps.

In Villupuram district, 20,625 persons were shifted to 105 relief camps, the release added.

Food was prepared at six community kitchens of the Rural Development Department and distributed to the evacuees in Villupuram district. The Health Department conducted 182 special medical camps, benefiting 11,578 people. A total of 728 houses were partially damaged and 132, completely damaged in the cyclone, the release said.

In Cuddalore district, flood warning was issued to people living in 25 revenue villages on the banks of Thenpennai river.

With the coordinated efforts of the Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Revenue and Disaster Management, and others, 19,654 persons were evacuated to safety in 35 relief camps. They have been provided food, prepared at 15 community kitchens.

In Kallakurichi district, 574 houses were damaged in the floods, and 147 heads of cattle died. A total of ₹37,04,000 was distributed in relief to the affected persons.

The district administration opened 16 relief camps, and accommodated nearly 1,980 persons.

The respective district administrations provided food, water, milk, biscuits, medicines, and other essentials to those staying in relief camps.

Kerala's draft heli-tourism policy suggests developing a network of heliports at strategic locations

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The draft heli-tourism policy released by the Kerala government envisages linking commercially attractive sites closer to major tourism destinations in the State with a sizeable number of footfall with chopper services.

The policy lays thrust on developing infrastructure, such as heliports, helistations, and helipads, on a public-private partnership (PPP) basis.

The draft policy suggests developing heliports in the vicinity or as part of four airports in Kerala. These heliports will serve as feeder hubs for the helistations and helipads to be developed near locations of tourism importance.

The draft policy also suggests making use of many operational helipads in the State which can be put to use for the development of a heli-tourism network. The draft also suggests formulating various models for the development of heliports in the PPP mode.

In the first category, the land will be provided by the State government and the private entities should be responsible for developing the required infrastructure and operation of facilities on concession. At the end of the concession period, the entire facility should be transferred to the government.

The second option envisages infrastructure being developed and owned by the government, but operations will be handled by private entities. At locations that are critically important, the policy suggests developing heliports, helistations, and helipads and operations by the government itself.

The policy also proposes subsidies and incentives to support the development of heli-tourism network.

Panel seeks timely action to curb illegal discharge of waste into Ashtamudi Lake

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC), Kerala, appointed by the National Green Tribunal, has recommended implementation of projects in a time-bound manner to check the illegal discharge of biowaste, including faecal sludge, into Ashtamudi Lake in Kollam district.

A preliminary probe indicates the presence of excessive 'algae bloom', a direct result of discharge of biowaste, points out A.V Ramakrishna Pillai, Chairman of the SLMC, Kerala, in his report on the mass fish kill reported in Ashtamudi Lake on October 27.

Badly polluted: Mass fish kill was reported on Ashtamudi lake at Kadavur in Kollam on October 27. FILE PHOTO

The report dated November 13, 2024 was submitted before the Principal Bench of the tribunal in New Delhi in an original petition related to the pollution of Ashtamudi and Vembanad Lakes, both identified as Ramsar sites, or wetlands of international importance.

At present, a sewage treatment plant is being constructed at Kureepuzha by the Kerala Water Authority, the progress of which is sluggish. If it is completed on a war footing, a major portion of the problem relating to septage waste in Kollam district can be solved. The tribunal may issue instructions to the Kerala Water Authority to complete the project in a time-bound manner, says the report.

The SLMC has also urged the tribunal to issue strict instructions to the Kollam district administration, Kollam municipal corporation, and the Kerala Suchitwa mission to ensure that the tanker lorries engaged in collection of septage waste are registered with the local bodies concerned.

A cut in time

Economic costs of ban on plastic must be seen with its ill-effects on health

Despite a week of wrangling, an ambitious endeavour piloted by the United Nations Environment Programme to phase out plastic turned out to be a failure. The Global Plastics Treaty is the result of a resolution by member-countries of the United Nations, passed in 2022, to 'end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.' Over the next two years, countries met five times, including the latest (billed as the final one), to create a broad framework agreement. The UN resolution of 2022 was deemed historic as it gave the impression that the world was unanimous that plastic pollution could only be addressed through globally coordinated action. However, it is the solution to the problem that has proven to be divisive. Of the nearly 170 countries gathered at the fifth round of meetings in Busan, roughly half – led by the European Union and supported by Pacific island-nations – were of the view that despite the usefulness of plastic and its significant role in enabling mass consumption through the modern era, its relative indestructibility was now an environmental hazard. It had begun to seep into the bodies of animals, both of the land and sea, and had progressed to be much more than an eyesore in the form of litter flowing out of overwhelmed municipal recycling systems.

The claim that better recycling and re-use will redeem the situation, these nations believe, is a pipe dream and, therefore, imposing gradual cuts on the source of plastic, virgin polymer, was the only effective route to ending plastic pollution. However, many of the large developing countries, and those with economies premised on the extraction of oil and petrochemical refining, baulk at such a proposal. They view calls to cut plastic production as trade barriers masquerading as environmentalism. They view the framing of the plastic pollution problem as one that requires regulating production as something that goes beyond the intent of the 2022 resolution. While talks have stalled, it is likely that countries will reconvene next year – possibly with a fresh perspective – and get beyond the impasse more creatively. India has chosen to side with the countries that are averse to production cuts; yet, it must acknowledge that its capacity to recycle plastic is only about a third of the plastic that is annually introduced. The indispensability of plastic to the economy cannot be a permanent excuse to delay action on evaluating its health impacts on people in India, its ecology and marine environment. A planned exit is always better than finding oneself on the wrong side of history.

Costly miscalculation

Yoon must resign as President and let South Korea elect a new leader

South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol's surprise announcement of martial law on Tuesday night was a shocker for Koreans, including members of his own conservative People Power Party, for whom memories of the military dictatorship, a dark, violent phase in the country's history, are still afresh. Mr. Yoon, a former prosecutor, said he was issuing the martial law "to protect free South Korea from the North Korean communist forces, eliminate shameless pro-North Korean and anti-state forces". In reality, the unpopular President, who is grappling with a parliamentary deadlock, was seeking greater powers for himself and to crush his political opposition. But by embracing the extreme measure, Mr. Yoon shot himself in the foot. The declaration triggered street protests, while lawmakers assembled in the Parliament building braving security personnel and voted 190-0 against the measure. Following the vote and faced with an explosion of public anger, Mr. Yoon reversed his decision and the personnel were withdrawn. The opposition has moved an impeachment motion against Mr. Yoon. If the vote passes with a two-thirds majority, his powers would be revoked and he would be put on trial.

Mr. Yoon's grip on power has always been shaky. While he won the presidency on a threadbare margin in 2022, the opposition Democratic Party (DP) took control of the National Assembly. In late 2022, after a Halloween crowd crush in Seoul claimed 159 lives, the government's handling of the tragedy was widely criticised. Earlier this year, doctors went on strike, citing their 'harsh" working conditions and demanding higher pay. Mr. Yoon's wife was caught on camera accepting a luxury handbag as a gift – a scandal which continues to haunt his government. In April this year, the DP retained its control of the National Assembly with a greater victory. Mr. Yoon's approval rating fell below 20%, while the opposition kept blocking his legislative push at the assembly, the latest showdown being about the budget Bill. Public resentment mounted amid a housing crisis and high unemployment. Under pressure, Mr. Yoon chose to launch a frontal attack on South Korea's democracy. His sudden turnaround in the face of protests and legislative pushback is a reprieve for South Koreans. But the fact that political infighting led to the President declaring martial law, despite a violent history, itself points to the deeper problems the country is facing. It took years of street protests to bring the military dictatorship, known for its ruthless, vindictive rule, to an end in the 1980s and start the democratisation process. Any attempt to reverse the hard-won gains of the democratic period should be resisted forcefully. Mr. Yoon should not prolong his unpopular regime. He should resign without waiting for the impeachment proceedings and let the country elect a new leader.

Do not write off Trump's America

Shashi Tharoor

the fourth-term Congress Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Thiruvananthapuram, the author of 26 books including 'Pax Indica: India and the World of the 21st Century', and the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs

In the aftermath of Donald Trump's resounding victory in the U.S. presidential elections, with a stunning Electoral College triumph of 312 votes to 226, the Indian commentariat appears to be divided between those lamenting the demise of Liberal America and those celebrating the rise of a right-wing transactional leader who might be "good for India". Both sides, however, appear to think that the America, over which Mr Trump will preside, has given one more sign of its irresistible decline, as the world becomes increasingly multi-polar and China continues its inexorable rise. For them, Mr. Trump's victory merely sets the seal on an America more divided against itself, more insular, more xenophobic, more racist and misogynist and less inclined to engage with the world than at any time since the Second World War.

The core elements are still strong

I am not prepared to write America off quite so quickly. For one thing, the fundamental elements of American global power remain unchallenged. It is still the world's largest, most diverse and most innovative economy. Its military budget dwarfs those of the rest of the planet's countries combined. It has a remarkable level of energy security, with its own domestic sources of oil, gas, solar and wind power, and seems to be gradually expanding its nuclear capacity as well. Its labour force may have priced itself out of the manufacturing business but American labour productivity and its talent for business and entrepreneurship remain incomparable. Its capital markets are thriving and stable, defying every doomsday prediction since the Great Depression. It has more billionaires than in any country on earth; the U.S. dollar remains the world's benchmark currency; and the average working American is still better off than the average worker almost anywhere else in the world.

It is still a land that wields an unparalleled influence over global culture – as the home of Coca-Cola, Starbucks, Levi's, McDonald's, Disney, Hollywood, CNN, Google, Microsoft, and Nvidia, it sets the global cultural agenda in ways that no one else comes remotely close to approaching. The "unipolar moment" that lasted from roughly 1990 to 2010 may have passed, but these factors mean that whatever degree of multi-polarity may be dawning, it is very much amongst second-order powers jostling for space with each other, rather than truly competing with the United States for global dominance.

It is of course true that the couple of decades of absolute dominance – politically, militarily, economically, and technologically – of the world by the United States of America have passed. This was an era in which Washington faced no near-term rivals for global power and influence, and one in which the defining feature of international politics was that America held sway over world affairs, and usually had its way. But in the last decade or so, it has become clear that the U.S. was no longer going to be uncontested in any of these domains. The first, largest, tallest, biggest everything – from skyscrapers to planes – used to be in America. That is no longer the case.

> The U.S. is still the world's most diverse and innovative economy; and Donald Trump proved in his first term that he is no isolationist

There are also the undoubted weaknesses with which America is now reckoning. Its industrial base has been weakened by decades of over-reliance on imports from China. Its public debt is out of control and is expected to rise to 122% of GDP by 2034. It is already the case that America spends more on public debt interest than on defence, even though its defence budget is larger than that of the rest of the world combined. Its public, as the recent election showed, is increasingly resentful of the country's own globalist elites, has rejected cosmopolitanism and multiculturalism, and wants to return to a more insular and arguably xenophobic insularity. Its appetite for global adventure has shrunk dramatically and might increasingly prompt American administrations to withdraw from their current engagements across the world and cease to make the major efforts required to manage and defuse international conflicts.

The rise of China

And then there is China. Roughly around the 2008-09 financial crisis, pundits recognised that there had emerged on the global scene the spectre of Beijing. China's "peaceful rise" for the last quarter of a century, fuelled by American investment in its industries and burgeoning export trade for its manufactures, has culminated in its supplanting the U.S. as a manufacturing and industrial power, rivalling it in economic size and exceeding its surpluses, as well as challenging it in new cutting-edge technologies such as 5G. Under the assertive autocracy of Xi Jinping, China has emerged, after decades of uncontested U.S. hegemony, as the other aspiring hegemon – and it has the resources to make the Americans sweat. No wonder many American thinkers have called for policymakers to evolve a comprehensive strategy to counter China, much as George Kennan's famous "Long Telegram" from Moscow in 1946 led to the birth of the "containment strategy" that hemmed in the Soviet Union.

Such a strategy, by definition, will require the U.S. to stay engaged, if only to preserve its dominance in world affairs. Mr. Trump's first term demonstrated that he was no isolationist. His initiatives in promoting a "grand bargain" involving the U.S., Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other moderate West Asian powers, did indicate a willingness to pursue a new regional compact that would isolate Islamic extremists. (The "I2U2" among Israel, India, the U.S. and the UAE, which was part of this vision, has been rendered dormant by the Gaza conflict, but will certainly be revived once that war is brought to an end.) His withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPoA)/nuclear agreement with Iran, his imposition of extremely rigorous sanctions on that country, and the American assassination of Iran's intelligence chief, Qasem Soleimani, suggest a willingness to be belligerent in pursuing adversaries deemed to be hostile.

Mr. Trump has made it clear, especially through the trade war he launched against China, that a United States led by him will not permit Beijing to establish itself as the unchallenged Asian hegemon. To this end, Mr. Trump is likely to prioritise strengthening the Quad (India, Australia, Japan, the U.S.), and should India prove skittish in this regard, the new "Squad" (in which the Philippines replaces India in the quartet), could be energised.

Mr. Trump understands that if China is allowed to gain unchallengeable dominance over east and central Asia, the resources and markets it would command would enable it to seriously challenge American strategic and economic interests. A struggle for influence in this part of the world will certainly ensue over the next few years and India will be called upon to define its stand in relation to it.

An Indian response

New Delhi will have to carefully juggle some crucial choices: how to define its uneasy relationship with a China that continues to threaten its borders, even while India's import dependence on that country grows to record levels each year; how to manage its close relationship with a Russia that is increasingly becoming a client state of Beijing; how to manage its friendship with Iran at a time when Israel's war with Hamas and Hezbollah and the U.S.-led attacks on the Houthis render Iran increasingly a regional undesirable; and how to defend its own strategic autonomy in a world where the freedom of manoeuvre we have so far enjoyed among all these actors is narrowing. The U.S. under Donald Trump will undoubtedly seek to contain China, limit Russia, disempower Islamic Iran, and further isolate North Korea – the new "axis of evil" identified by Washington – while it promotes Israel and whips Europe into shape. U.S. support for India will be contingent on how adroitly India manages to navigate its own relationships with these countries so that it is seen as willing to go along with, or at least not undermine, these objectives.

Not only is it unwise to write off Trump's America – in light of these considerations – we should take it very seriously indeed.

Cash transfer schemes for women as new poll plank

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In the Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly elections, there was a pattern that was followed – having a cash transfer scheme for women that is at the centre of political campaigning. Beginning in August, the National Democratic Alliance government in Maharashtra came up with the 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana', wherein women who met the criterion would receive ₹1,500 a month in their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. The Opposition-ruled State of Jharkhand also had the 'Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana', in August, which offered financial assistance of ₹1,000 to eligible women.

Direct cash transfer schemes are no political novelty. According to Axis Bank, 14 States already have such schemes in place, covering almost a fifth of India's adult female population. So, why is it that across States, cash transfer schemes for women are growing in popularity? Is this policy learning or are State governments experiencing a fear of missing out? Are we getting to a point where there is no alternative vision about welfare? There could be four plausible reasons for political parties across States following this particular genre of welfare.

More women in the public-political space

First, the steady rise in the presence of women in India's public-political space as a force to be reckoned with is pushing parties to cater to their needs. From a mere 47% turnout of women in 1962, the figure is now 66% in 2024. It is the same trend in State Assembly elections. Along with the increase in turnout, the fact that women are increasingly casting their votes independently reinforces the narrative of a 'women constituency'. The hurried manner in which Parliament passed the women's reservation Bill and the renewed focus on 'Nari Shakti' are testimony to the rising pressure on political parties to acknowledge the change. In the context of a close election, a swing in votes could mean winning or losing a seat. The cost of disregarding the female voter would mean paying a very high price.

> While the optics are about 'party benevolence', in reality, the state seems to be nudging the poor to fend for themselves

Bypassing the middleman

Second, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is the flavour of the day. Direct cash transfers to bank accounts have their advantages from the point of view of the state. It helps the state bypass existing structures of middlemen who pose a hurdle in making these benefits available. Systemic corruption of this kind is ubiquitous in the Indian setting, and the state lacks the capacity to keep it in check. With the advent of DBT, States can now transfer money directly to the beneficiary's account and reduce leakage through the system. With parties becoming more individual-centric, DBT helps establish a direct relationship between the individual leader and the citizen. Yamini Aiyar and Neelanjan Sircar call this "techno-patrimonial", whereby technology aids in advancing personal loyalty to the leader.

The third reason is an extension of the preceding argument. Cash transfers are an easy way to establish the narrative that the government in power is serious about its commitment to the electorate. For instance, improving the functioning of State-run schools or hospitals or building new public infrastructure cannot happen overnight. Such projects require meticulous planning, investment, and a long gestation period before they can bear any fruit.

In addition, given the fact that the poor in India form a significant constituency and that the gains of economic growth are disproportionately divided, populist schemes of this nature are valued by a substantial number of voters. Regular credit to the beneficiary's account also acts as a constant reminder of the 'benevolence' of the leader, further advancing the party's position.

The core issue

Fourth, this also points to a larger problem dotting the welfare landscape in India. A flattening of welfare, with States across the country coming up with similar kinds of schemes, indicates a deficiency of imagination *vis-à-vis* welfare in India. One could euphemistically call this "policy learning", but the fact that even States ruled by Opposition parties are not offering alternatives to this welfare strategy of DBT – sharpened to perfection by the Bharatiya Janata Party at the central level – is worrying.

Though schemes of this kind might look to be a quick and effective solution to the poverty crisis, DBT comes with its own set of problems. Scholars have pointed out that the Indian state, by prioritising 'efficiency' using technology, is shielding itself from doing the hard work to improve state capacity. By making cash available in the hands of the poor, the state is nudging its citizens to make use of private alternatives for their basic needs. While the rich in India have already exited this system and are relying on the private for their needs, the poor are also being nudged by the state to fend for themselves. But can the poor in India afford to disengage with the state? Cash transfers, at best, act as bandages, but the state still needs to treat the larger wounds before they become infectious – if they have not already become one.

In the days ahead, *yojanas* such as 'Ladki Bahin' and 'Maiyan Samman' will occupy centrestage. So, is this the new rule of the game? Or will there be a break to this pattern? The answers will determine the future welfare landscape.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Endangered species

In this cataclysmic age of climate uncertainty, species are disappearing at an unthinkable rate. However, the conservation efforts of the government should encompass a variety of species. Flagship species such as the tiger and the elephant appear to be gaining huge budgetary resources and attention while others such as the Namdapha flying squirrel, the hangul and the Malabar civet remain passive bystanders. The solution is in having a balanced approach to environmental activism.

C. Sivaraman,
Ranipet, Tamil Nadu

EVM and paper ballots

Many Opposition parties have expressed serious doubts about the use of electronic voting machines (EVM), wanting ballot papers to be used in elections instead. By strengthening the perception of the 'capture of the ballot through the EVM', the present dispensation has virtually captured many key constitutional values — of democracy, federalism, secularism and the rights of minorities. We have already seen communal violence and the breakdown of law and order in many a State. It is no answer to say that some of the Opposition parties have won in some States through the EVM. The problem has to be tested from the States where they have lost and Hindutva forces have gained ground. The BJP would do well by giving in to the demand for ballot paper use if it has won by fair means. When there are serious challenges to the Constitution, it is time the ruling party yields to the Opposition and shows statesmanship in such a vital matter.

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

Cyber crimes

Rising cyber frauds are becoming a nightmare for senior citizens. With smartphone transactions and social media use becoming the norm, one has to be constantly alert — more so in the case of senior citizens, who may not be tech-savvy. Perhaps there needs to be more awareness programmes for senior citizens who should not have to learn things after falling victim to scams.

Gopalaswamy J.,
Chennai

The Internet is also a jungle with much online trash. Added to this is the trend of cybercrimes that target senior citizens who may not be tech-savvy enough to protect themselves. More awareness and quick responses by cyber law enforcement cells are the solutions.

Deepak Taak,
Panchkula, Haryana

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India's strategic focus on West Africa

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Last month, on his way to Brazil to participate in the G-20 Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strategic halt in Nigeria. During his first two terms, Mr. Modi travelled to 10 African countries, including Uganda, where he delivered a historic speech outlining India's vision of Africa. However, his visit to Nigeria is significant as it marks the first African visit of the Prime Minister in his third term. This visit is also the first by an Indian Prime Minister to Nigeria in 17 years.

The importance accorded to India by Nigeria was evident from the very moment Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu welcomed Mr. Modi at Abuja airport. Later, the Indian Prime Minister was conferred Nigeria's second-highest national award, the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger. He became the only second foreign dignitary to receive the distinction since 1969, after Queen Elizabeth II, underlining India's rising global stature and the trust and recognition Mr. Modi has gained for his commitment to the Global South.

India-Nigeria ties

Nigeria is both the largest economy and the largest democracy in Africa. Nigeria is also a regional hegemon in West Africa and plays an important role at the African Union level. It is regarded as a democratic role model and has, in the past, used its clout to mediate disputes on the African continent. Strengthening India's ties with Nigeria would undoubtedly have effects far beyond the nation's borders.

In his conversation with President Tinubu, Mr. Modi reiterated the high priority India accords to its strategic partnership with Nigeria and expressed interest in boosting ties in areas such as defence, energy, technology, trade, health, and education. With terrorism, separatism, piracy, and drug trafficking as major challenges for Nigeria, Mr. Modi underscored the continuing salience of strong cooperation on security issues. This encompasses the purchase of Indian weapons and cooperation in the counterterrorism operations against the Islamist groups, particularly Boko Haram.

Mr. Modi's trip is also a follow-up to an Indian defence industry delegation's visit to Lagos earlier this year. Mr. Tinubu had expressed interest in buying arms from India during that visit. India is emerging as a key defence supplier to Africa, with sales to Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Tanzania, and Mozambique.

In over six decades of close partnership between India and Nigeria, India has also emerged as a development partner of Nigeria on two fronts – offering developmental assistance through concessional loans ($100 million) and capacity-building training programmes – shaping this partnership in a distinctive 'India Way'.

Nigeria's China connection

Nigeria currently has over 200 Chinese companies. It is China's largest export market and its second-largest trading partner in Africa. On the other hand, China is Nigeria's third-largest export market. China has funded over $47 billion for 22 large-size infrastructural projects across the country. As of March 31, 2020, Chinese loans to Nigeria totalled $3.121 billion, or 11.28% of Nigeria's $27.67 billion in external debt. Earlier, Nigeria had undertaken several significant infrastructure projects using Chinese money, such as the National Public Security Communications System project and the Abuja Light Rail project, and planned terminal expansions at four major airports.

In 2023, China funded the Lekki Deep Sea Port. The port, one of the largest in West Africa, will relieve cargo congestion, which costs billions of dollars in annual revenue and is expected to generate over 170,000 new jobs. It is anticipated that the port will boost Nigeria's struggling economy.

The Chinese technology giant Huawei has a significant presence in Nigeria. Since 2019, Huawei has trained 2,000 Nigerian youths and 1,000 federal civil servants across Ministries, departments, and agencies, and it plans to continue training government employees in cybersecurity strategy. Huawei has deployed over 27,500 mobile phone towers and up to 10,000 kilometres of fibre optic cable in Nigeria. It has also signed a contract with the Federal government to install an electronic surveillance system at the country's land borders.

China is also active in Nigeria's mining sector. Last February, Kaduna selected China's Ming Xin Mineral Separation Nig Ltd. to build the nation's first lithium-processing plant. It aims to produce batteries for electric vehicles. Yet, five months ago, the Nigerian government rejected Tesla's proposal to buy raw lithium from the country. Meanwhile, China Sinoma International Engineering and Nigeria's Dangote Industries Limited also signed a contract to construct a cement plant with six million tonnes per year in Itori, Ogun state.

Despite growing Chinese interest in financing and building infrastructure, India remains one of Nigeria's key partners. Trade between India and Nigeria has declined from $14.95 billion in 2021-22 to $7.89 billion in 2023-24, primarily due to India's increasing oil imports from Russia. India and Nigeria, however, continue cooperating on multiple issues. As leaders of the Global South, an enhanced bilateral relationship between India and Nigeria should also auger well for the larger Global South.

Mr. Modi's visit to Nigeria has brought the country into the spotlight, but much more sustained effort will be required to convert the goodwill into concrete deliverable outcomes.

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Trinamool holds ground amid chaos

The results underscore the Opposition's failure to capitalise on public discontent

STATE OF PLAY

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Discontent and anger against the government do not necessarily result in the electorate voting against the ruling party. This has become quite evident over the past few years in West Bengal politics, the latest example being the recently concluded Assembly bypolls.

Despite the protests over the rape and murder of a doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, the ruling Trinamool Congress won bypolls in all six Assembly seats without much resistance from the Opposition parties.

The ruling party not only retained five seats it had won in 2021 but also wrested Madarihat in north Bengal, considered to be a stronghold of the BJP, a seat the State's ruling party had never won in the past. On some seats such as Haroa in North 24 Parganas and Sitai in Cooch Behar, the margin of victory of the Trinamool Congress candidate was over 1.3 lakh votes.

For more than two months, Kolkata and its adjoining suburbs witnessed unprecedented protests with thousands of people on the streets demanding justice for the rape and murder of a doctor. The anger was directed at the State government for failing to provide security to a woman doctor at a government facility, the accused being a civic police volunteer, and the alleged attempts to hush up the crime by a section of police and hospital administration.

The protests brought the government to its knees when Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was forced to transfer Kolkata Police Commissioner and

officials of the State health department.

The question being discussed in political circles is how the Trinamool Congress managed to emerge unscathed from protests. More than the success of the Trinamool Congress, the bypolls reflect the failure of Opposition parties to capitalise on the anger and discontent among the people. While the citizen groups kept political parties away from the protests, the parties could not organise any meaningful movement, and their intervention fizzled out well before the protests on the streets died down.

For several years, despite the issues of law and orders and several scams, the vote share of Trinamool Congress has increased. The perception that the Trinamool Congress government will collapse under the weight of its scams and its own contradictions of factionalism and divide between the young leadership and old loyalists has not worked for the Opposition.

The Trinamool Congress has held the electorate together through cash incentive schemes and the dominance on booth-level politics. For the BJP, the prospects look bleak as its vote share has been on a decline after the 2021 Assembly polls. The BJP has lost all bypolls held since then, including the one held in July this year. In the Lok Sabha polls, the Trinamool Congress increased its tally to 29 seats, whereas the seats of the BJP dropped to 12. After the debacle in the recent polls, the State BJP leadership tried to hide behind the argument that bypolls usually belong to the ruling party and a 6-0 verdict in favour of the ruling party was a foregone conclusion.

The CPI(M)-led Left Front and the Congress, which contested the elections separately, also failed to make any mark in the bypolls. For over a decade, both parties have appeared confused about defining their primary political opponent in the State – whether it is the BJP or the Trinamool Congress.

Credit must also be given to the Trinamool Congress leadership of Ms. Banerjee, who allowed the protests to run their usual course for almost 100 days. She held meetings with protesting doctors, and did not take any hasty actions, even after being snubbed on one occasion when protesters refused to meet her and left her waiting.

Though the results indicate the electoral supremacy of Trinamool Congress, to assume that the protests around the R.G. Kar incident did not serve any purpose would be incorrect. For decades, the State which has been starkly divided on political lines, has lacked any civil society movement. The protests and demonstrations over the gruesome crime have given people the courage to descend on the streets and raise their voices against the State and the ruling establishment. This very act and defiance may go a long way in shaping society and the politics of the State in the future.

₹2.4 lakh crore collected in toll plazas since inception

More than 98% of payments in recent months were done using FASTags, with over 10 crore tags issued till now

DATA POINT

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A total of ₹2.4 lakh crore has been collected as user fees at toll plazas across India's national highways since the inception of toll collection, according to recent data presented in the Lok Sabha. This figure is based on the 758 toll plazas for which the overall data was available.

Plazas in Uttar Pradesh, followed by Rajasthan and Maharashtra have collected the most among States. Notably, over 98% of the toll payments made in recent months were done through the FASTag technology. **Chart 1** shows the State-wise amount of fees collected (in crores) across tolls since inception. With ₹32,510 crore collected, Uttar Pradesh is at the top. The Delhi-NCR region collected the least tolls at ₹263 crore.

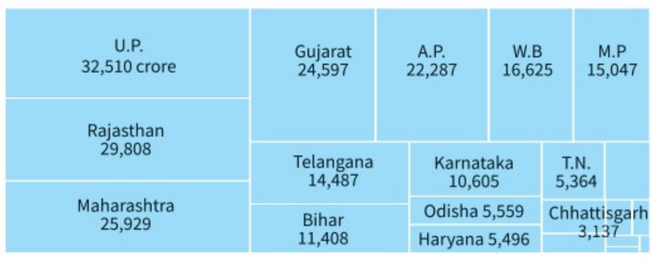
Chart 2 shows the top four national highways where the most toll was collected since inception. The NH48, which runs from Delhi to Chennai, is listed first with a collection of ₹24,490 crore followed by NH44 (Srinagar to Kanniyakumari), NH16 (Kolkata to Chennai), and NH27 (Porbandar to Silchar).

Chart 3 shows the number of FASTags issued cumulatively (left axis) and the amount collected electronically in crores across all tolls (right axis), every month over time. Except for the dip during the pandemic months, the transaction value and the tags issued have surged since inception. As of October 2024, 10 crore tags have been issued. **Map 4** shows the toll plazas which collected over ₹100 crore electronically from April to October 2024. The Gharaunda toll plaza in Haryana collected ₹256 crore in the period, the most across the 1,040 tolls for which this data was available. The Shahjahanpur toll plaza in Rajasthan and the Bharthana in Gujarat, are second and third on the list.

Collections surge across India's tolls

The data for the charts were sourced from Lok Sabha questions and answers

Chart 1: State-wise fee collected (in ₹crores) across tolls since inception



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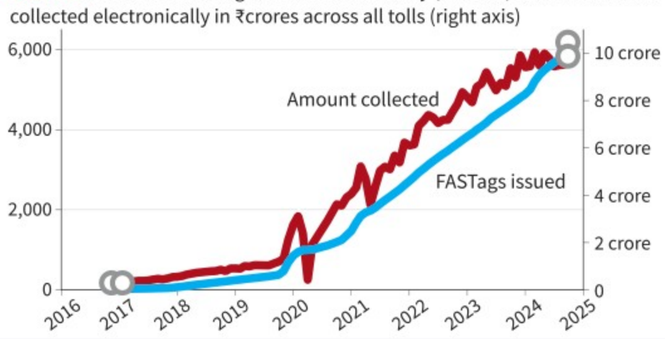
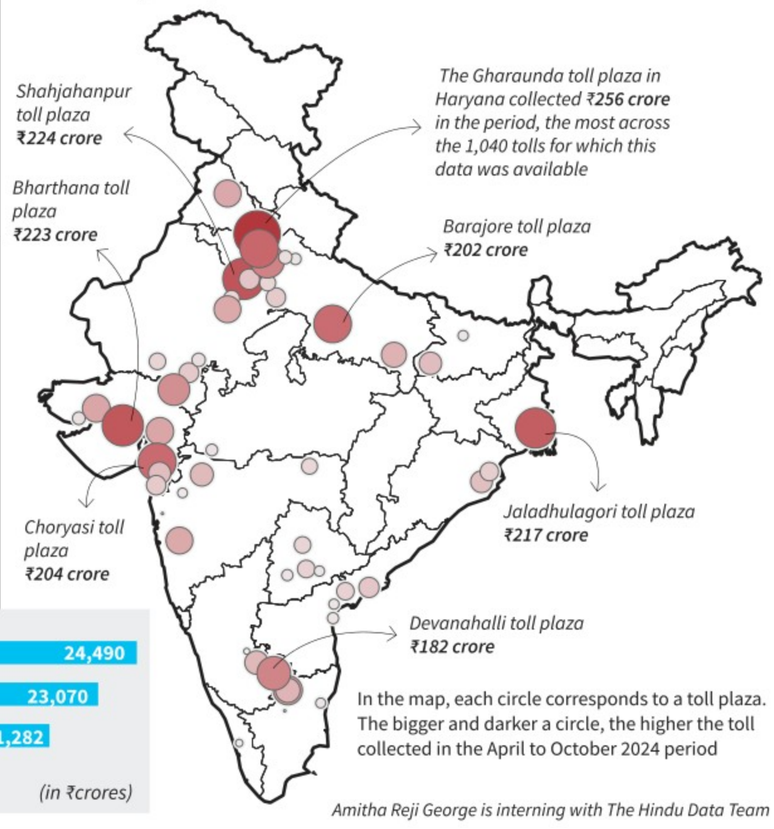


Map 4: The map shows the plazas which collected a toll of over ₹100 crore electronically from April to October 2024



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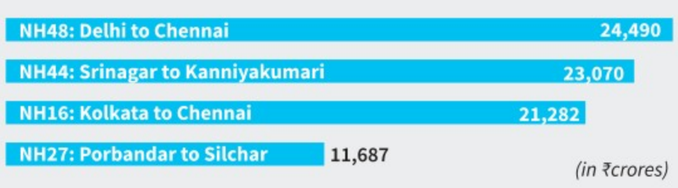

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 5, 1974

Student participation in politics welcomed

New Delhi, Dec. 4: The high-level Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Nurul Hasan, Union Education Minister, which went into the question of student unrest in the country, has welcomed the politicisation of the student community. The Committee categorically said that students should be familiar with the programmes of different political parties and should have opportunities to meet their leaders for discussions. Students should also be free to become members of any political party of their choice. But the Committee has cautioned that no permission should be given for the establishment of an office of any political party or the students' wing of any political party on the campus of any educational institution.

Discussing the question of students and politics, the Committee said that in fact their view was that the student community was not yet as "fully politicised" as it should be. The Committee therefore recommended, among other things that "all students at the undergraduate stage should be involved in national and academic discussion of the problems facing the country, such as the problems of food, clothing, education, health."

The Committee also expressed its unhappiness at the attempt made by certain political elements to exploit the students for their own ulterior motives. The Committee said that "there is little possibility of different political parties evolving an agreed code of conduct in dealing with students. The only alternative is to create a better student-teacher relationship and make the entire educational process so relevant and challenging that "it will absorb all the energies of the students."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO DECEMBER 5, 1924

Mrs. Besant re-joins Cong.

Madras, Dec. 5: Dr. Besant has re-joined Congress. She has signed the creed and entered the Triplicane Sabha as a four annas member for the Madras District. She is a member of the All-India Congress Committee in virtue of her being Ex-President. She has arranged to attend the ensuing Congress at Belgaum.

Mr. Devadoss Gandhi is at Adyar teaching her to spin at a full-sized Charka, and she is making good progress.

From Page One

Fadnavis to be sworn in as Maharashtra CM

The BJP's core committee chose Mr. Fadnavis as its legislature party leader in the presence of the party's central observers, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Gujarat's former Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

Later, Mr. Fadnavis, along with outgoing Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and their colleague in the alliance, NCP president Ajit Pawar, held a meeting at Varsha, the official residence of the Chief Minister. Then they went to the Raj Bhavan to meet the Governor to stake claim to form the next government.

United front

Speaking at the Raj Bhavan after accepting Mr. Radhakrishnan's invitation, Mr. Fadnavis downplayed the importance of titles, stating, "Chief Minister or Deputy Chief Minister is just a technical arrangement. The three of us – myself, Mr. Shinde, and Mr. Pawar – will work together and make joint decisions, as we have done so far." This comes amid speculation that Mr. Shinde was upset over being denied a second term.

"I met Mr. Shinde yesterday [Tuesday] and requested him to be part of the government. Shiv Sena MLAs also support this collective leadership. Together, we will work to provide the best government for Maharashtra and fulfil all our promises," he said. Asked if he would take the oath as the Deputy Chief Minister, Mr. Shinde, who headed the Mahayuti government from July 2022, said, "That will be revealed soon."

Mr. Shinde pledged his full support for Mr. Fadnavis, stressing the spirit of teamwork and collective decision-making.

Reaffirming Shiv Sena's commitment to the BJP-led alliance, he added, "I had earlier stated that the Shiv Sena will fully support any decision taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, and J.P. Nadda. Our sole focus has always been on delivering what is best for the people of Maharashtra." Mr. Pawar also said that the new government would function unitedly.

'Wish men menstruated,' says SC while flaying M.P. HC

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NEW DELHI

Wish men have menstruation, the Supreme Court has remarked, censuring the Madhya Pradesh High Court's decision to sack a woman judge in the State based on performance and not considering her predicament due to a miscarriage.

A Bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and N. Kotiswar Singh sought a clarification from the High Court on the criteria for the termination of civil judges.

"I hope such criteria is also imposed on male judges. I have no hesitation in saying this. The lady, she has got pregnant and she had miscarriage. The mental and physical trauma of a lady who has undergone a miscarriage. What is this? I wish men had menstruation. Then they will know what it is," remarked Justice Nagarathna, questioning the assessment of the woman judicial officer which had ignored the mental and physical trauma endured by her due to the miscarriage.

On November 11, 2023, the top court had taken a *suo motu* cognisance of the termination of six women civil judges by the State government over their alleged unsatisfactory performance.

Rahul, Priyanka stopped from visiting U.P.'s Sambhal

As his plan to go alone to meet victims was also turned down, Rahul slams police for violating his constitutional right; police barricades along Congress delegation route lead to massive traffic jams

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A Congress delegation led by the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, MP, was stopped at the Ghazipur boundary between Delhi and Uttar Pradesh while it was on its way to violence-hit Sambhal on Wednesday. Officials denied Mr. Gandhi's request to go alone to visit the victims of the violence.

Police officers cited the sensitive law and order situation in the western U.P. town while halting the Gandhi siblings, Congress MPs from U.P., and several Congress workers. Since violence broke out on November 24 during a survey of Sambhal's 500-year-old mosque, outsiders have been restricted from entering the town and prohibitory orders are in effect till December 10.

"As Leader of the Opposition, it is my responsibility to go and meet the victims. I am being stopped from discharging my duty," Mr. Rahul Gandhi said. In a video of his exchange with a police officer at the border, he can be heard asking, "On what basis have you denied the LoP permission to go?" The officer responded: "It is an issue of law and order."

Rising tension: Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at the Ghazipur boundary in New Delhi on Wednesday. R.V. MOORTHY

Mr. Gandhi returned to Delhi, but criticised the U.P. Police for violating his constitutional right. The police stopped the delegation from going to Sambhal, the Congress leader said on X. Being the Leader of the Opposition, he had the right and duty to go there. Why was the BJP scared, why was it using the police to hide its failures, he asked.

Ms. Vadra, who was in charge of the U.P. Congress till recently, attributed the move to the BJP's fears. "The BJP is afraid of the voice of justice. They are afraid of brotherhood and unity. It wants to barricade every message of love to save its market of hate," she said.

Describing the U.P. Police action as "dictatorship", Congress leaders alleged that the Sambhal violence, during a survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid, was a "conspiracy" by the ruling BJP.

"What is witnessed today is murder of democracy. If the U.P. administration – which today has deployed such a large number of police personnel to prevent Rahul *ji*, Priyanka *ji* and other Congress leaders from visiting Sambhal – had taken similar measures on November 24, the violence would not have taken place," said U.P. Congress general secretary Anil Yadav, who was at the Ghazipur boundary to join the Congress delegation.

In view of the Congress delegation's proposed visit, the U.P. police placed barricades at various locations on the Delhi-Sambhal route. Vehicle inspections were carried out at every checkpoint, leading to massive traffic jams along the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, especially at the Ghazipur boundary, which connects Delhi to Noida.

The BJP accused the Congress of politicising the Sambhal issue, and asked the Opposition party to follow police restrictions.

On Tuesday, the Sambhal District Magistrate, Rajendra Pensiya, had requested neighbouring districts to stop the Congress leaders before they entered the district, in a letter to police officials.

"Sambhal district administration has issued prohibitory orders restricting outsiders from visiting the district till December 10. I request you to please monitor movement of Mr. Rahul Gandhi and make arrangements to him from reaching Sambhal in your jurisdiction," it said.

India backs UN resolution calling for Israel's exit

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UNITED NATIONS

India voted in favour of a United Nations General Assembly resolution that called for the withdrawal of Israel from the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem. The resolution reiterated the call for achieving a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in West Asia.

The draft resolution, "Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine", tabled by Senegal, was overwhelmingly adopted in the 193-member General Assembly on Tuesday.

India was among the 157 nations that voted in favour, while eight member states including the U.S. voted against it.

Through the resolution, the General Assembly reaffirmed its unwavering support, per international law, for the two-state solution of Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security within recognised borders, based on the pre-1967 borders.

It rejected any attempt at demographic or territorial change in the Gaza Strip.

The resolution further stressed the need for an immediate and complete cessation of all Acts of violence.

Badal escapes bid on life, shooter arrested

Mr. Singh said the police personnel foiled the bid by intercepting the accused when he attempted to fire the shot, deflecting the gunshot.

Mr. Chaura is reportedly the founding member of the now inactive Khalistan Liberation Army.

The incident drew sharp criticism from the Opposition parties, including the Shiromani Akali Dal, the Congress, and the Bharatiya Janata Party, who raised questions on the "poor law and order situation" in Punjab. The SAD also demanded a judicial investigation.

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party government praised the Punjab Police "for foiling a deep-rooted conspiracy to defame Punjab".Speaking to presspersons, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann condemned the attack, saying he was taking stock of the situation.

Senior SAD leader and former Minister Daljit Singh Cheema said the incident was condemnable and spoke volumes about Punjab's poor law and order.

Demanding a high-level judicial probe into the incident, Mr. Cheema said "We don't have any faith in the State government. Conspiracies are being hatched to demolish the leadership of Akali Dal. It's not just about the man who fired but the entire conspiracy behind the incident needs to be exposed."

Senior Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa said the incident was a stark reminder of the need for responsible discourse and vigilance in Punjab. "The attack is a grim reminder of the deteriorating law and order situation in Punjab. Such incidents undermine the very fabric of societal harmony and have no place in a civilised society," said Mr. Bajwa.

The Akal Takht - the highest Sikh temporal seat - on December 2 awarded religious punishment to Mr. Badal and several other Akali Dal leaders, who were part of the SAD-led government between 2007 and 2017 in Punjab after they were found to be *tankhaiya* or guilty of religious misconduct. Mr. Badal and other leaders were directed to perform different duties, including cleaning utensils and shoes of devotees.

Assam govt. bans public consumption of beef

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GUWAHATI

The Assam government has banned the public consumption of beef with immediate effect.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said his Cabinet had taken the decision in this regard after analysing the statements of State Congress president Bhupen Kumar Borah and Dhubri MP Rakibul Hussain, who "resented" the distribution of beef by political parties to influence voters.

Hafiz Rafiqul Islam, an MLA and general secretary of the minority-based All India United Democratic Front, said the Cabinet should not be deciding what people eat or wear. "If they cannot ban beef in Goa or other northeastern States, why in Assam? We do not pay much heed to this decision," he said.

Attack on Sukhbir Badal attempt to finish moderate space in Punjab: SAD leader

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Former Rajya Sabha member and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Naresh Gujral on Wednesday described the attempt on the life of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal as an "attempt to finish the moderate space in Punjab politics".

Speaking to *The Hindu* immediately after the assassination attempt, captured on camera, came to light, Mr. Gujral said that the murderous attack was "an attempt to take Punjab and the country back to the dark days of the 1980s" when Sikh militancy in the State was at its height.

"It is an attempt to destabilise the State of Punjab, and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) should look into whether there is involvement of Pakistan or other forces, in terms of trying to revive the demand for Khalistan," he said. Amity and peace between the Sikh and Hindu community was being sought to be broken, he added, with law and order in a precarious state under the Bhagwant Mann-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government.

Sukhbir Singh Badal

"We have been saying for months that law and order is in a bad way in the State, that gangs are roaming free. Punjab Police are demoralised, with officers being arbitrarily transferred here and there," he said.

The SAD was a former ally of the Punjab BJP before the two parties parted ways on the issue of the three farm laws passed by the Union government in 2019.

"When the old alliance was formed between Badal *saab* [former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal] and Vajpayee*ji* [former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee] it was to foster *bhaichara* [brotherhood] between the Hindu and Sikh community after the 1980s, and it did result in a peaceful Punjab," Mr. Gujral said. "The new NDA does not follow the same coalition dharma as the old one," he added.

AAP govt. has failed to maintain law and order in Punjab: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday condemned the assassination attempt on Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and criticised the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab for its "failure to maintain law and order" in the State.

At a press conference, BJP MP and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said Punjab's financial condition and law and order situation deteriorated considerably after the AAP came to power there, attributing it to an ongoing "internal rift" in the party.

The mismanagement of the State government had resulted in the criminals getting emboldened. The attempt on a former Chief Minister and party president outside the Golden Temple showed to what extent the situation had reached in Punjab, he said.

> The State govt.'s mismanagement had resulted in the criminals getting emboldened
> **SUDHANSHU TRIVEDI**

Quoting media reports, Mr. Trivedi said under the AAP government, investments in Punjab had declined by 80%. The State received ₹23,000 crore in 2021-22 and the figure declined to ₹3,400 last year, said the BJP leader.

South Korea's Yoon faces impeachment

Mr. Yoon's senior policy advisers and Defence Minster Kim Yong-hyun offered to resign as the nation struggles to make sense of what appeared to be a poorly-thought-out stunt. The Democratic Party on Wednesday submitted a separate motion to impeach Mr. Kim, who it alleged recommended the martial law declaration to Mr. Yoon.

In his speech announcing the abrupt order on Tuesday night, Mr. Yoon vowed to eliminate "anti-state" forces and continued to criticise the Democratic Party's attempts to impeach key government officials and senior prosecutors. But martial law lasted only about six hours, as the National Assembly voted to overrule Mr. Yoon before his Cabinet formally lifted it around 4.30 a.m.

The Democratic Party, which holds a majority in the 300-seat parliament, said on Wednesday that its lawmakers decided to call on Mr. Yoon to quit immediately or they would take steps to impeach him.

HC exempts Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren from personal appearance in MP-MLA court

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

The Jharkhand High Court on Wednesday exempted Chief Minister Hemant Soren from appearing personally in the MP-MLA court in a case related to alleged non-compliance of summonses issued by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Justice Anil Kumar Choudhary directed the ED to submit its response by December 16, while granting Mr. Soren an exemption from personal appearance until that date.

In February, the ED had filed a complaint in the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court stating that 10 summonses were sent to Mr. Soren for questioning in an alleged land scam, but he appeared only twice. The agency said this was punishable under Section 63 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and Section 174 of the IPC. On November 26, the court rejected Mr. Soren's plea for exemption from personal appearance and told him to appear before the MP-MLA court on Wednesday. Subsequently, Mr. Soren moved the High Court.

Hemant Soren

The agency had sent the first summons to Mr. Soren on August 14, 2023. On the 10th summons, he was interrogated and then arrested on January 31, 2024. On June 28, the Jharkhand High Court granted him bail stating that he was neither specifically nor indirectly involved in the acquisition of land.

The Soren government will expand its Cabinet on Thursday.

President lauds the Navy as it displays its operational prowess at event in Odisha

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

The Indian Navy showcased its impressive technological capabilities and human expertise at the Puri Beach on Wednesday, in a grand operational demonstration witnessed by President Droupadi Murmu.

The operational demonstration was the Navy's second large-scale event hosted away from a major naval base.

The demonstration featured units with a total tonnage of 90,000 tonnes, equipped with advanced weapons and sensors capable of neutralising threats from surface, subsurface, or aerial sources within a 300-km radius.

Droupadi Murmu

More than 3,500 personnel participated in the demonstration from various platforms at sea, while an additional 350 personnel managed coordination from the shore for the event.

Addressing the event, Ms. Droupadi said, "The operational demonstration gave a glimpse of how our Indian Navy operates at sea. India's geography has endowed us with all elements necessary to be a great maritime nation."

Ms. Murmu said, "Over the last year, Indian Navy was at the forefront of all operational activities in the region ensuring safety of seafarers and security of maritime trade. The seamless integration of technology, tactical acumen and sheer courage on display today aptly showcased the evolution of our Navy into a future ready force."

RS passes Boilers Bill for safety at factories

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed the Boilers Bill replacing the Boilers Act of 1923 brought by the colonial administration. Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said the Bill would ensure safety at factories where industrial boilers were used.

Mr. Goyal said the Bill was for ensuring uniformity throughout India in all technical aspects pertaining to the regulation of boilers.

"This included standards of construction, maximum pressure specifications, as well as the registration and periodic inspection of all boilers, with particular focus on matters concerning the safety of life and property," he said.

Mr. Goyal added that the Bill would provide for the regulation of the manufacture and use of boilers, ensuring the safety of life and property of persons from the danger of explosions in boilers.

The amendments moved by the Opposition to the Boilers Bill were defeated in a voice vote.

Opposition opposes stand of Dhankhar, stages a walkout

Chairman stops MPs from seeking clarifications on Jaishankar's statement on India-China ties; Congress wonders who will answer Opposition's questions on India's integrity and sovereignty

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Opposition members walked out of the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday after Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar did not allow them to seek clarifications on External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's statement on the "Recent developments in India's relations with China."

Mr. Jaishankar made the statement in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday where he said the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas was a prerequisite for the development of India-China ties.

On Wednesday, soon after Mr. Jaishankar's statement was taken up as the first business in the post-lunch session, the Opposition members, including Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge, sought clarifications. When it was disallowed, the Congress, the RJD, the DMK and the Left parties staged a walkout led by Mr. Kharge. The Trinamool Congress MPs, however, did not join.

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar listens as Union Minister S. Jaishankar speaks in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. PTI

Talking to presspersons outside the House, senior Congress MP Randeep Surjewala said they wanted to ask the Minister certain questions, particularly that "when Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that no one had entered the country, then what was the basis of the agreement with China?" "It is clear that the Prime Minister had given a wrong statement in 2020 and an unsuccessful attempt has been made by the government to clarify it in Parliament. We walked out as the Centre failed to answer any of our questions. In such circumstances, who will reply to our questions on the country's integrity and sovereignty," he asked.

'Indecorous behaviour'

Later, Mr. Dhankhar said the rule on a statement was explicit. "The Minister, in detail, has taken the House in confidence. He could be as exhaustive as could be possible. Even on such an issue... when I refer every time to the kind of indecorous behaviour seen and the kind of body language reflected, it doesn't earn me any accolades. But I do it only to restore, honourable members, your dignity. I want you to kindly contribute and believe in some kind of rules," Mr. Dhankhar said.

Mr. Jaishankar said in his statement that as a result of the sustained tension and specific developments in the border areas, India's overall relationship with China was bound to be impacted adversely.

"In the new circumstances, it was obviously not possible to continue the normal exchanges, interactions and activities as in the past. In this regard, we made clear that the development of our ties were contingent on the principles of mutual sensitivity, mutual respect and mutual interests. Throughout this period, honourable members would also be aware that the government has maintained that India-China relations cannot be normal in the absence of peace and tranquillity in the border areas... we have been very clear that the restoration of peace and tranquillity would be the basis for the rest of the relationship to move forward," said Mr. Jaishankar.

Uproar in Upper House over Centre's farm polices

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress and other Opposition MPs staged a walkout from the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday in protest the government's "anti-farmer" policies and for not fulfilling the promise of increasing the minimum support price (MSP) for various crops.

The Congress members raised slogans after Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar disallowed motions seeking the business of the day to be set aside to discuss the farmers issue.

Mr. Dhankhar said that the "interest of farmers is not served by sloganeering and [shedding] crocodile tears". "You are only politicising it. You don't want a solution. Kisan [farmers] is your last priority," he told Congress members and other Opposition MPs.

Amid the din, the Chairman took up Zero Hour mentions.

Initially, Mr. Dhankhar did not allow the Opposition MPs to raise the issue but later relented and allowed Congress member Pramod Tiwari to make a brief one-minute mention.

We all live in the shadow of Nehru, says Cong. leader

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Wednesday said that the idea of Nehru had to be reinterpreted for a changing India.

Speaking at the launch of a book, *Nehru's India: Past, Present and Future,* on the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru by historian Aditya Mukherjee, Mr. Ramesh noted some people had assimilated Nehru and some contested him. "Even those who contest him cannot run away from his shadow. We all live in the shadow of Nehru."

"The constituency for Nehruvian legacy is much larger than we give credit to. We are getting ammunition from the current regime to build on the Nehruvian ideology," the Rajya Sabha member said.

At Railways Bill discussion, MPs raise concern over privatisation, safety, and ticket charges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Moving the Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024, in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the legislation intended to amend the Railways Act of 1989 to enhance the powers of the Railway Board and improve operational efficiencies.

During the discussion on the Bill, Congress MP Manoj Kumar expressed apprehensions on its potential to open up Railways to privatisation. He also raised the issue of high ticket prices for Vande Bharat trains.

Nagina MP and Aazad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) leader Chandrashekhar Azad argued that the Bill could inadvertently lead to slower decision-making and lower operational flexibility. He said while the intent of the Bill could be to spur the administrative structure, it could potentially lead to basic powers of the Railways being diluted and weakened further, inadvertently bringing about unwanted bureaucracy.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament on Wednesday. ANI

The MP further said the appointments to the Railway Board must not be made on political considerations, but based on merit, skill and established expertise. Any divergence, he said, would lead to a compromise on efficiency.

Work hours regulation

He further said the government should consider increasing the number of general coaches on trains and filling appointment backlogs.

The Bill intends to amend the Railways Act of 1989 to enhance powers of the Railway Board, improve operational efficiencies

Mr. Azad said this would be a step towards ensuring safety in operations.

He also emphasised regulating the work hours of loco pilots in order to ensure they were not overworked.

"The poor in the country travel on trains. It is imperative to ensure that it does not become their last journey," he said.

He also expressed concern about privatisation of the national transporter.

"If Railways are privatised, this would further negate employment avenues for people from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities," he said.

Amrit Kaal will not be possible if dignified rail travel cannot be ensured, Communist Party of India (Marxist) MP Sudama Prasad said.

Mr. Prasad too asked the government to prioritise filling vacancies.

He said this would ensure that railway employees were not overburdened with work.

The Arra MP further expressed concerns about employees of the Railways, including loco pilots, ticket collectors and ticket examiners not being provisioned decent space for rest and work.

Referring to multiple projects and repairs in his constituency lying pending with no determined date for completion, the MP demanded that the government focus on completing projects on time.

INBRIEF

Birla urges MPs not to protest at Parliament building gate

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday urged MPs not to protest at the entrance of the Parliament building, causing obstruction to other MPs. His appeal came on a day when the INDIA (Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance) bloc MPs, for the second day in a row, protested on the steps of the Makar Dwar of the Parliament building on the issue of bribery charges levelled against industrialist Gautam Adani in a United States court. "I request all political parties not to obstruct the entry gate when others are entering the building [to attend proceedings]."

Cong. MP seeks legislation to protect gig economy workers

A Congress member in the Lok Sabha has sought legislation to protect gig economy workers by ensuring fair wages, job security and social benefits for them. Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Virudhunagar MP and Congress Whip Manickam Tagore asserted that the problems faced by these workers were more of human rights rather than a labour issue. "I want to bring your attention to the plight of gig economy workers including the warehouse staff and delivery persons who are protesting against unfair wages and unsafe working conditions. These workers earn less than ₹10,000 a month while enduring long hours," Mr. Tagore said.

Chief Commissioner of PwDs post vacant for over five years

The post of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has remained vacant for over five years now, the Social Justice Ministry told the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. The Ministry said its latest attempt to fill the position had failed at the stage of approval by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), which is part of a Ministry directly managed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Ministry's statement came in response to an unstarred question from Rashtriya Janata Dal Rajya Sabha member Manoj Kumar Jha, who has asked why the Chief Commissioner's position has not been filled yet.

'Govt. claim on MGNREGA wage payment is untrue'

Days after the Union government said in Parliament that the Centre had no role in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) job card deletions and that funds under the schemes are being disbursed on time, the office-bearers of NREGA Sangharsh Morcha, an organisation that works for MGNREGA workers, on Wednesday said that what Parliament was told is "untrue" and the government is "far away from the realities on the ground".

Top court directs five States to provide facts and figures on illegal sand-mining

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Directing five States to be ready with facts and figures showing the extent of sand-mining, the Supreme Court on Wednesday made it clear that authorities have to check the illegal exploitation.

"Certainly, sand-mining has to be checked... There has to be control. There is illegal sand-mining," Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna observed.

The Bench, including Justice Sanjay Kumar, was hearing a petition filed by M. Alagarsamy, represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, who has sought an investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation into rampant illegal mining of beach and river sand.

The petition said sand-mining caused severe ecological imbalance, disturbance in the water table, and degradation of land across Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, and Madhya Pradesh.

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> **SANJIV KHANNA**
> Chief Justice of India

The plea said illegal sand-mining in these five States had reached alarming proportions.

Scant respect was paid to the Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines framed in 2016, it added.

CCTV cameras installed

The court directed these States to come prepared for the next hearing with the facts and figures on sand-mining.

The case has been listed for the week commencing January 27.

The Tamil Nadu Additional Advocate-General, senior advocate Amit Anand Tiwari, said closed-circuit television cameras had been installed in various sand-mining spots across the the State.

Mr. Bhushan sought a direction to the Tamil Nadu government to place the first information reports registered in sand-mining cases on record in the top court.

"Unscientific mining has caused degradation of land, topographical disorder and damage to land use patterns in and around mining regions," the petition filed by M. Alagarsamy said.

The plea said armed miners "run the racket" and cause a loss of thousands of crores to the exchequer.

The 2010 Guidelines had not been implemented in consultation with the States to maintain sustainable mining practices and to check illegal activities which harm the ecology, the petition said.

Indiscriminate mining

Mr. Alagarsamy had referred to media reports saying that investigations in Tamil Nadu had revealed illegal mining of one crore tonnes of beach sand from Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanyakumari districts.

The petition also said that there was indiscriminate mining on the basins of the Godavari, Krishna, Penna, Mahanadi, Tungabhadra, Vamsadhara, Bahuda and Mahendratanaya rivers flowing in Andhra Pradesh.

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EXTENSION OF LAST DATE OF VACANCY NOTIFICATION NO. 1/2024

The Last Date for Receipt of Online Applications for various Posts notified in Vacancy Notification No. 1/2024 Dated 25-10-2024 published in National Level Newspapers, Employment News, NIA Website etc. is hereby extended till **20-12-2024.** Rest of the said Vacancy Notification will remain the same. The Vacant Posts notified are: 1 Post of Vaidya (Medical Officer), 2 Posts of Clinical Registrar (Tenure Basis for 3 Years), 1 Post of Nursing Officer (Ayurved), 2 Posts of Pharmacist (Ayurved), 22 Posts of Multi Tasking Staff (MTS) and 1 Post of Accounts Officer (On Deputation), all for NIA Deemed to be University, Jaipur; and 1 Post of Administrative Officer and 1 Post of Matron (both to be filled on Deputation) for National Institute of Ayurveda, Panchkula (Haryana), an Extension Centre of NIA, Jaipur.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NIB NO. POL2425A0029

Bids for Installation of Set of equipment for Police Mobile Investigation Units of estimated value INR 3,08,77,000/- are invited from interested bidders up to 27.12.2024 at 11.00 am. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) (https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/) of the state, and https://www.police.rajasthan.gov.in

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Corrigendum

This is with reference to RLDB Bid No. 5961 dated 28.10.2024 published on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (Tender ID- 2024_RLDB_429563_1) and **http://sppp.raj.nic.in** (UBN No.-ANH2425GLRC00199), some amendments are made. Details of amendments can be seen and may be downloaded from the above mentioned websites and RLDB website **(rldb.rajasthan.gov.in).**

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INBRIEF

HC refuses to entertain plea against Navjot Singh Sidhu

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday refused to entertain a plea against Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu's claims that certain remedies helped his wife in her battle against Stage 4 cancer. A Bench of Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela said the former cricketer had only voiced his opinion, and the petitioner was free to counter the claims. "He is just voicing his opinion. Counter his claims by holding a press conference. Counter free speech by free speech and not by curtailing his free speech under the fear of legal action or contempt. We still have freedom of speech in this country," the court said.

Manipur probe panel gets another extension till May

The three-member Commission of Inquiry (CoI) notified by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to probe the Manipur ethnic violence has received another extension and has been asked to submit its report to the Centre as soon as possible but not later than May 20, 2025. The CoI, headed by Ajai Lamba, former Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, constituted in June 2023, received nearly 11,000 affidavits. The last date to submit the affidavits was January 24.

Off-duty jawan injured in gunfire in Pulwama

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

An off-duty soldier was shot at and injured in Pulwama district in south Kashmir on Wednesday evening. Earlier, militants tossed two grenades at a picket of an Army camp in Poonch district of the Jammu province.

Officials said the soldier, a resident of the Tral area, was fired upon from a close range by unidentified armed men in Sofigund.

He sustained bullet wounds in lower limbs and his condition is stated to be stable, the officials said.

Security forces rushed reinforcements and cordoned off the area to trace the militants. No militant outfit claimed responsibility for the attack.

In Poonch, militants targeted the Army picket of an installation with grenades on Tuesday night.

An official said one grenade exploded and another unexploded grenade was recovered on Wednesday outside the camp of the Romeo Force of the Army in the Surankote area. Officials added that no one was injured in the attack.

After anomaly alert, ISRO sets PROBA-3 launch for today

The mission was scheduled to launch at 4.08 p.m. on Wednesday; the 44.5-metre PSLV-C59 rocket will carry 550-kg satellites to their orbit

Sangeetha Kandavel
CHENNAI

The PSLV-C59/PROBA-3 mission, initially scheduled for launch at 4.08 p.m. on Wednesday, has been rescheduled to 4.12 p.m. on Thursday after the detection of an anomaly.

At 3.19 p.m. the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced on its official page on X: "Due to an anomaly detected in PROBA-3 spacecraft PSLV-C59/PROBA-3 launch rescheduled to tomorrow December 5, 2024 at 16.12 hours."

Key ISRO officials communicated the same to presspersons gathered at the launch venue.

Even at 3.08 p.m., the ISRO said the countdown had been progressing smoothly. "Countdown is progressing smoothly as PSLV-C59, an initiative led by NSIL and supported by ISRO's expertise, prepares to launch ESA's PROBA-3 satellites into a highly elliptical orbit," it said.

This mission is the 61st flight of PSLV and the 26th using the PSLV-XL configuration. PTI

Josef Aschbacher, Director-General of the European Space Agency, posted a message on social media saying: "During Proba3's pre-launch preparations at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in India, an anomaly in the redundant propulsion system of the Coronagraph Spacecraft occurred. This propulsion system is part of the attitude and orbit control subsystem of the satellite and used to maintain orientation and pointing in space."

He further said: "The anomaly is currently under detailed investigation. The use of a software solution by the mission control team at European Space Agency's ESEC centre at Redu, Belgium is being evaluated to allow a launch on Thursday, December 5."

The PSLV-C59/Proba-3 Mission, the 61st flight of PSLV and the 26th using its XL configuration, is set to carry the ESA's PROBA-3 (Project for Onboard Autonomy) satellites into a highly elliptical orbit from the First Launch Pad (FLP), Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota.

The 44.5-metre rocket will carry the 550-kg PROBA-3 satellites to their designated orbit in a mission lasting about 18 minutes.

Bhutan King Jigme Wangchuck to pay 2-day visit to India

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Jigme Khesar Wangchuck

Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck will pay a two-day visit to India beginning on Thursday to further advance the already close bilateral partnership between the two nations.

King Wangchuck will be accompanied by Queen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck and senior officials of the Bhutanese government, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, announcing the trip. The King will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the two leaders are expected to deliberate on ways to further deepen bilateral cooperation in a wide range of areas.

"The visit shall provide both sides an opportunity to review the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation and to further advance the exemplary bilateral partnership across diverse sectors," it said in a statement.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and other senior officials of the government will also call on the King, it said.

Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay visited India around 10 days ago. The King's visit to New Delhi comes amid China's efforts to establish formal diplomatic relations with Bhutan.

The two sides are also looking at a resolution of their boundary row that could have implications for India's security interests.

In August last year, China and Bhutan agreed to take simultaneous steps to implement a "three-step road map" to resolve their festering boundary dispute. The India-China stand-off in Doklam in 2017 even triggered fears of a larger conflict. Bhutan had said the area belonged to it, and India supported the Bhutanese claim.

SJM says low fertility will affect India's economy

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Days after Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat urged couples to have more than two children, another branch of the Sangh Parivar has warned of the economic repercussions of slowing population growth.

Swadeshi Jagran Manch co-convener Ashwani Mahajan said on Wednesday the challenge facing India's economy today is to maintain its population so that development efforts do not face any hurdles. "If we fail to rise to the occasion, it may cause dangerous imbalance in the population in the form of raising the dependency burden, slowing down our growth," he said in a statement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, however, has said on many occasions that India needs plans to manage challenges posed by population growth.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefs parliamentary panel on Canada, China

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar made a *suo motu* statement in Parliament on the disengagement process with China, the External Affairs Ministry briefed a parliamentary panel on China and Canada.

Another meeting of the parliamentary panel is likely on December 11 where the government is expected to brief on the latest situation in Bangladesh.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri is scheduled to visit Bangladesh's capital Dhaka on December 10 amid growing concerns over targeted attacks on Hindus in the country.

On Wednesday, sources told *The Hindu* that Mr. Misri gave a detailed presentation to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, on the disengagement process with China in Ladakh.

Vikram Misri

Echoing the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Misri told the panel that the process had progressed well so far.

'Unfriendly policies'

On frosty relations with Canada, the Foreign Secretary blamed the Canadian government's "unfriendly policies" for the souring of relations with India.

Referring to Canada's allegation of Indian involvement in the murder of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Mr. Misri said the Canadian government had not been able to produce any evidence to back its charge.

The committee members were informed that Khalistani elements were active in a few other countries as well, but the local governments did not provide the kind of protection that Canada does.

That is why the Khalistani groups have found a safe space to carry out anti-India campaigns from Canadian soil.

With some MPs demanding a briefing on the situation in Bangladesh, especially in the aftermath of the deposition of the Sheikh Hasina government, the committee is likely to meet on December 11.

The issue of targeting of Hindus in Bangladesh, who make up 8% of the country's population, has surfaced in the Lok Sabha in the past two days.

Indo-Russian venture to set up 3 depots for Vande Bharat project

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

The Marathwada Rail Coach Factory in Latur, which has been taken over by the Indo-Russian joint venture Kinet for manufacturing Vande Bharat sleeper train sets, is currently undergoing equipment installation and will be equipped with a state-of-art assembly line, a top Kinet official stated.

The joint venture Kinet is set to supply 1,920 Vande Bharat sleeper coaches to Indian Railways. G. MOORTHY

Kinet has been established by the public sector Rail Vikas Nigam and Russian transportation company Transmashholding. The JV took over operational control of the Latur plant at the end of June. The plant commenced operational activities on September 3.

"The plant is currently undergoing equipment installation. It will be equipped with a state-of-the-art assembly line, including facilities such as body shop, storage, assembly, testing and trolley and paint shop. Hiring and training for production staff are progressing to ensure operational readiness," TMH CEO Kirill Lipa told *The Hindu* in an interview.

Following Western sanctions due to the Russia-Ukraine War, Mr. Lipa said that India has emerged as a key hub for development and procurement of spare parts. "The supply chain team is collaborating closely with Indian suppliers to ensure the project's success. A number of contracts have been signed already," he said. For supply of brake and air-conditioning systems, TMH relies on China as a key supplier.

TMH is looking at supporting development of three depots, including the Latur factory, for indigenous manufacture of train sets in India. "TMH's expertise in manufacturing sleeper, seating and special-purpose coaches of various classes comes to mind as a potential perfect fit. The long-term intention is to build an industrial hub to manufacture components to meet the needs of both the Indian market and export to other BRICS countries," Mr. Lipa said.

While Kinet and Indian Railways are in the process of freezing design of the Vande Bharat Sleeper train sets, Mr. Lipa said the process of setting up production capacities is under way in parallel to design discussions.

Mr. Lipa said the total working capital which will be needed for upfront investment exceeds $150 million, and the revenue will start rolling in for Kinet only after first prototypes are delivered next year.

According to tender requirements, Kinet is set to supply 1,920 Vande Bharat Sleeper coaches to Indian Railways, with first prototypes to be delivered within 24 months of the signing of contract in September last year. The project costs $6.5 billion, including $1.7 billion for manufacturing of rolling stock and $4.8 billion for its maintenance over 35 years.

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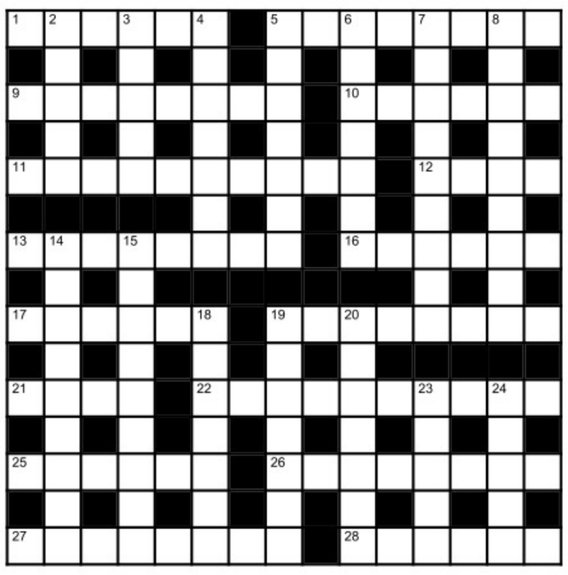

Across

1 Catch bum working! (6)
5 Expert's loved one gets caught in anticipation (8)
9 Bully's trap on hindsight, inspired change of heart (8)
10 Boy breaking a path overseas (6)
11 Safeguarding ingot, crept all over the place (10)
12 Interested in mint olive sandwiches? (4)
13 Takes into account popular tips about Denmark's capital (8)
16 Single dude loses heart in August (6)
17 Even Ms. Emma's cakes are hits (6)
19 Criminal in agony over nothing- basically it's tiresome! (8)
21 Sources picked up: "Sexy Aberdeen lass tormented sailor!" (4)
22 Potter's mom reincarnated after death (10)
25 Husband punctures a wound on the beach (6)
26 Former Queen is hiding in empty cable train (8)
27 Look, these devils misled rootless monk? (8)
28 Miserable daughter's life ends in burden (6)

Down

2 Lead drug dealer leaves capital of Portugal (5)
3 Serve pastry flipped over chocolate, in the end (5)
4 Eyed a warm drink? (7)
5 Gurus play on words with double innuendos, taunting senate leaders (7)
6 Love varieties in fruits (7)
7 A little political group welcoming one and all (9)
8 Smith & Co, start to meet small boat transporter? (9)
14 One man and son struggling to get sex education? (2,5,2)
15 Spots a colonist running wild (9)
18 First petition to restrict love in Lucknow? (7)
19 Questions partner as wrens fly away (7)
20 Anaesthetics for digits (7)
23 Chased and tracked down missing model (5)
24 Moderate student's stand (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

God will protect devotees

God saves us from multiple difficulties, just as a mother would when caring for her child. Sri Krishna has vowed to protect Pandavas at all costs because they astutely followed the path of Dharma. Yudhisthira says Sri Krishna is the Dharma who holds the universe.

Velukkudi Sri Krishnan Swamy said in a discourse that God has strived hard to uphold Dharma by Himself and sent various noblemen. Following their words and advice will help people cross hurdles. They are to be respected, as their advice will be nectar-like.

The conversation between Lord Krishna and Arjuna gave us the Bhagavad Gita; between Bhishma and Yudhisthira gave us Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam; between sage Sukha and King Parikshit gave us Srimad Bhagavatham; between Parasara and Maithreya gave us Vishnu Puranam and the conversation between Nammazhwar and Madurakavi gave us Thiruvaimozhi.

The wicked Duryodhana performed a yaga to kill the Pandavas when they were in forest, and he sent a ghost to execute it. The ghost would kill only those who were alive. Sensing this, Sri Krishna instructed Lord Yama Dharmaraja to take the form of a yaksha. The yaksha intercepted all the Pandavas who came to drink water in a pond, except Yudhisthira, and turned them dead. Before Yudhisthira came in search of his brothers, the ghost came over there to kill the Pandavas but went off, seeing them already dead. Finally, Yudhisthira arrived and retrieved his brothers by answering the yaksha's questions. It is called Yaksha Prasna, a treasure trove containing righteous principles. Thus, Lord Krishna saved Pandavas from being killed.

INBRIEF

Honda introduces third-gen Amaze in India at ₹7.99 lakh

Japanese carmaker Honda plans to introduce three new models by the 2026-27 fiscal in India as it looks to tap growth opportunities in the robustly growing SUV segment, according to its India president and CEO Takuya Tsumura. The company on Wednesday introduced the third generation of its compact sedan Amaze, priced between ₹7.99 lakh and ₹10.89 lakh (ex-showroom). The company currently sells just one SUV model – Elevate – in India market. PTI

L&T Technology Services bags $50-mn North America order

L&T Technology Services (LTTS) said it had secured a $50-million deal from a global network solutions firm to provide product integration services in North America. This multi-year agreement would enable the company to provide comprehensive support for the client's advanced networking solutions, ensuring seamless integration and success for customers across the North American region, the technology services firm said on Wednesday.

ICRA expects status quo on rates as MPC begins meeting

Amid a growth slowdown, with GDP rising just 5.4% in Q2, and high inflation reported in October, the RBI's monetary policy committee began its three-day meeting on Wednesday. "With CPI inflation having breached the 6% upper limit of the medium term range of 2-6% in October, we anticipate status quo in spite of the GDP growth print for Q2 under shooting MPC's expectations," said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist and Head of Research & Outreach, ICRA.

Nov. services activity cools a bit

Optimism levels among firms surveyed for the HSBC India Services PMI improve to their best since May, hiring ramped up at the largest scale since survey began in 2005; service providers more confident regarding the year-ahead outlook

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Services sector growth in India's private sector receded a tad in November, but new international orders expanded at the fastest pace in three months and players reported 'an unprecedented' uptick in new hires of permanent and temporary staff, as per a private gauge based on a survey of 400-odd firms.

The surveyed firms also reported an intensification of price pressures as input costs rose to the greatest extent in 15 months, led by higher food and labour costs, while firms ramped up selling prices at the fastest rate in close to 12 years. Some firms suggested the price hikes they implemented were supported by rosy demand.

Cost surge: Pricing pressures intensified as input costs rose to the greatest extent in 15 months. REUTERS

The HSBC India Services Business Activity Index in November came in at 58.4, marginally lower than the 58.5 reading in October. A reading of over 50 indicates an expansion.

While growth of new orders and output moderated a bit from October, firms reported that new export orders increased at a solid rate, though this was still well below the expansions seen around the middle of this year. Firms that reported improved order books cited gains from clients in Asia, Europe, Latin America and the U.S.

"During November, services sector employment notably grew at the fastest pace ever recorded since this survey began in 2005.

The hiring surge reflected the sector's improving business confidence, growing new orders, and vigorous international demand," said Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC, while noting the sharp surge in input costs and output charges.

Service providers were also more confident regarding the year-ahead outlook.

Overall, private sector services and manufacturing firms' saw growth slowdown in November with the HSBC India Composite Output Index down to 58.6 from 59.1 in October.

Trump tariffs an opportunity for India, says NITI CEO

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Maintaining that India's relationship with the U.S. is deep and multi-dimensional, NITI Aayog CEO B. V. R. Subrahmanyam said there is going to be a huge disruption in global trade relations because of U.S. President-elect Donald's Trump's proposal to impose high tariffs on three of its trading partners and this would open up 'huge opportunities' for India.

Mr. Subrahmanyam was talking to reporters at the launch of "Trade Watch Quarterly" report prepared by the NITI Aayog.

B. V. R. Subrahmanyam

He said the domestic industry should prepare itself to tap the opportunities. Last week, Mr. Trump announced he would slap 25% tariffs on imports from Mexico and Canada and an additional 10% on those from China.

"Whatever [Mr.] Trump has announced so far... I think there are opportunities for India. We are a man at first slip, the ball is coming in our direction. Are we going to hold it or drop the catch, it's for us to see... and I think, you will see some steps in next few months," he said, adding "the question is if we actually prepare ourselves, it can lead to a massive boom because there is going to be trade diversion."

The relationship with the U.S. is multi-dimensional, he stressed.

According to the NITI Aayog report, in the first quarter of 2024-25, North America accounted for 21% of India's exports followed by the EU at 18.61%.

'Apparel GST rejig to hit MSMEs, cost jobs'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

CMAI said the revision can have a 'grave impact' on manufacturing, pricing and demand

The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) is concerned over the rate-rationalisation proposal of the Group of Ministers led by Bihar Deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary involving 'significant changes to GST rates' for the apparel sector.

As per the recommendations, while readymade garments priced up to ₹1,500 will continue to attract 5% GST, those costing ₹1,500-₹10,000 will face a sharp surge in GST with a levy of 18%. Apparel worth more than ₹10,000 may face 28% tax.

The CMAI said the revision can have a 'grave impact' on manufacturing, pricing and demand.

"This risks severely disrupting formal retail sector driving consumers and businesses towards informal channels. The textile industry could face potential one lakh job losses," it said.

"This could lead to closures of MSMEs in our sector," said Santosh Katariya, president, CMAI.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,956	0.14
US Dollar	84.75	-0.08
Gold	78,850	-0.18
Brent oil	73.58	-0.10

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2494.75	-19.45
Adani Ports	1269.55	-19.10
Apollo Hosp	7232.35	105.80
Asian Paints	2459.45	-9.95
Axis Bank	1159.45	-1.05
Bajaj Auto	8999.15	-162.65
Bajaj Finserv	1628.10	21.00
Bajaj Finance	6740.00	64.55
Bharat Elec	312.85	0.75
Bharti Airtel	1584.10	-36.45
BPCL	293.65	-0.60
Britannia Ind	4851.55	-58.05
Cipla	1500.85	-33.05
Coal India	416.65	-5.45
Dr Reddys Lab	1215.55	-8.95
Eicher Motors	4797.05	-47.30
Grasim Ind	2717.30	3.30
HCL Tech	1897.65	6.90
HDFC Bank	1860.10	33.80
HDFC Life	650.25	16.25
Hero MotoCorp	4635.85	-61.15
Hindalco	663.05	-4.50
Hind Unilever	2464.50	-18.35
ICICI Bank	1316.05	7.65
IndusInd Bank	998.85	0.50
Infosys	1889.25	-2.85
ITC	467.10	-5.45
JSW Steel	994.85	-3.95
Kotak Bank	1757.50	7.60
L&T	3789.90	2.85
M&M	3031.75	4.45
Maruti Suzuki	11129.85	-149.40
NestleIndia	2257.80	-3.90
NTPC	372.75	5.30
ONGC	260.70	-1.65
PowerGrid Corp	325.05	-4.60
Reliance Ind	1308.95	-14.35
SBI Life	1452.60	11.65
State Bank	859.70	5.75
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3132.30	-23.25
Sun Pharma	1800.20	0.15
TataConsumerProduct	961.20	6.20
Tata Motors	788.10	-13.15
Tata Steel	145.85	-0.69
TCS	4354.40	51.65
Tech Mahindra	1759.60	10.10
Titan	3364.45	31.70
Trent Ltd.	6823.80	-17.55
UltraTech Cement	11766.80	-85.55
Wipro	294.00	2.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 04

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	84.54	84.86
Euro	88.81	89.16
British Pound	107.12	107.53
Japanese Yen (100)	56.03	56.24
Chinese Yuan	11.63	11.67
Swiss Franc	95.41	95.78
Singapore Dollar	62.80	63.05
Canadian Dollar	60.11	60.34
Malaysian Ringitt	18.98	19.06
Australian Dollar	54.22	54.43

Source:Indian Bank

Amazon launches new AI models

Sobhana K. Nair
LAS VEGAS

Andy Jassy

Amazon introduced a range of artificial intelligence foundational models at its flagship annual event Amazon Web Services (AWS) re: Invent, called Nova, which will allow for text, image and video generation.

It marks Amazon's biggest step towards into the Generative AI space and it is widely believed that it pits them directly against Microsoft, Google, Meta and Open AI, the creator of ChatGPT. Amazon CEO Andy Jassy announced the "Nova" models at the keynote address by AWS CEO Matt Garman on Tuesday morning. Mr. Jassy said that the Nova is a result of demand from developers who wanted "better latency", "lower cost" and ability to fine-tune. These will help customers automate their services.

The AWS is providing a range of Nova models to cover the entire delta of utility and price range. Four of these models - micro, lite, pro and premier are text generating models. In addition to those, it also introduced image-generation model Nova Canvas and video generating model Nova Reel.

"Inside Amazon, we have about 1,000 generative AI applications in motion, and we have had a bird's eye view of what application builders are still grappling with," Rohit Prasad senior Vice President of Amazon Artificial General Intelligence said. "Our new Amazon Nova models are intended to help with these challenges for internal and external builders and provide compelling intelligence and content generation while also delivering meaningful progress on latency, cost-effectiveness, customisation, information grounding and agentic capabilities," Mr. Prasad added.

There is a growing demand for video generation from a single image or text prompt. Many platforms including OpenAI already offer it. Amazon on Tuesday said its Nova Reel software allows users to make six-second videos that can be useful for companies to display their products on their website or marketplace. Videos of up to two minutes will be available in the coming months.

AWS is projecting the Amazon Nova creative generation models as tools to barriers for sellers and advertisers. Giving an example, on AWS blog, the company shared a video advertisement for a fictional boxed pasta brand. In the whimsical "Pasta City", buildings are sculpted from towering tubes of cannelloni noodles, the neighbourhood is sprinkled with Italian spice landscaping and the streets are lined with marinara sauce. The 18-second video is being shown as a sampler of what advertisers can do with the tool.

AWS CEO Matt Garman also announced a host of new capabilities for Amazon Bedrock, one of its flagship products.

(The writer is at AWS re:Invent 2024 in Las Vegas at the invitation of AWS)

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Death toll from Israel-Hezbollah war stands at 4,047, says Lebanon

REUTERS

The death toll in Lebanon in more than a year of war between Israel and Hezbollah has reached 4,047 people, most of them since a September escalation, authorities said on Wednesday. 316 children and 790 women were among the dead. On the Israeli side, authorities reported at least 82 soldiers and 47 civilians dead. AFP

BANGKOK

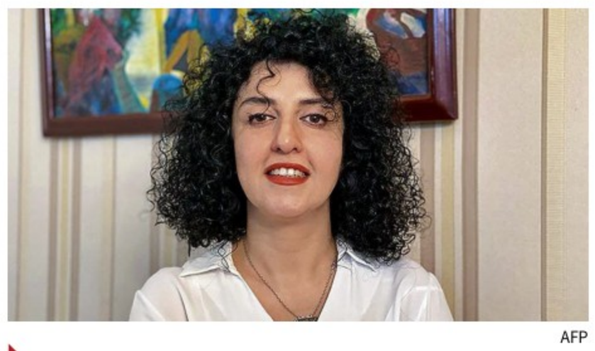
Second major Myanmar rebel group calls for talks with junta

AP

A second major Myanmar ethnic rebel group has said it is ready for Beijing-mediated talks with the junta to end more than a year of renewed fighting. The Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army has fought the junta for more than a decade for autonomy for the Kokang ethnic minority in northern Shan State. AFP

PARIS

Iran frees Nobel winner for three weeks on medical grounds

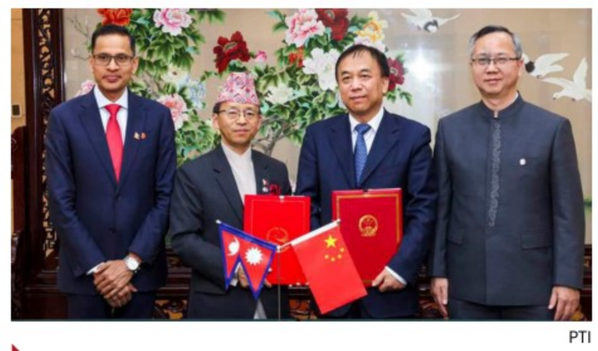


AFP

Iranian authorities freed Nobel peace prize Narges Mohammadi from prison for three weeks on medical grounds, a move supporters decried as "too little too late" with the Nobel committee urging a permanent release. Her 18-year-old son said he had been able to speak by phone to his mother for the first time in two years. AFP

BEIJING

Nepal and China sign a deal on BRI cooperation framework



PTI

Nepal and China on Wednesday signed the much-awaited Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Cooperation Framework, an agreement which is expected to pave the way for the implementation of the BRI projects. The agreement was inked during Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's official visit to China. PTI

After setbacks, Syrian troops launch offensive against militants in Hama

Hama, strategically located in central Syria, is key to safeguarding the capital and seat of power, Damascus; compared to the battle in Aleppo where militants faced little resistance from the regime troops, the battle around Hama has been fierce

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

Syrian government forces launched a counterattack against Islamist militants around the key city of Hama on Wednesday after suffering a string of staggering losses, a war monitor said.

Hama is strategically located in central Syria and for the Army, it is key to safeguarding the capital and seat of power Damascus.

The fighting around Hama follows a lightning offensive by the militants who in a matter of days seized swathes of territory from President Bashar al-Assad's control.

Line of duty: Mourners carry the body of Syrian photojournalist Anas Alkharboutli during his funeral in Idlib on Wednesday. AFP

Key in the rebels' successes since the start of the offensive last week has been the takeover of Aleppo, Syria's second largest city, which in more than a decade had never fallen from government hands.

While the advancing militants found little resistance earlier in their offensive, the fighting around Hama has been especially fierce.

Hama massacre

The city was the scene of a massacre by the Army under Mr. Assad's father in the 1980s targeting people accused of loyalty to the banned Muslim Brotherhood. Decades on, the scars of the massacre that sent thousands of Syrians into exile have yet to heal, and Hama was the site of some of the biggest protests early on in the pro-democracy revolt that erupted in 2011 and sparked the civil war. By Tuesday, rebel forces had reached the gates of Hama city, as the fighting sparked a wave of displacement.

According to the Britain-based Observatory, "regime forces launched a counterattack" in Hama province on Wednesday with air support on the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) rebels and allied factions.

Government forces pushed HTS away from the provincial capital by about 10 km, the Observatory said, reporting fierce battles as rebels failed in their bid to capture an area near the city.

Chinese ship fired water cannon at vessel: Manila

Agence France-Presse
MANILA

The Philippines said the China Coast Guard fired water cannon and "sideswiped" a government vessel on Wednesday during a maritime patrol near the disputed Scarborough Shoal, after Beijing said it had "exercised control" over the ship.

China claims almost the entire South China Sea, brushing off rival claims from other countries – including the Philippines – and an international ruling that its assertion has no legal basis.

Vessels from the two sides have clashed frequently in the past year, resulting in injuries and damage.

Tensions flared again on Wednesday, with Manila releasing a video appearing to show a Chinese coast guard ship in the South China Sea firing a torrent of water at the Philippines fisheries department vessel *BRP Datu Pagbuaya*.

Collision course: A Chinese coast guard vessel, left, fires water cannon at a Philippine vessel in the South China Sea. AP

The water cannon was aimed "directly at the vessel's navigational antennas", the Philippine coast guard and fisheries ministry said in a joint statement.

China's coast guard said in an initial statement that Philippine ships "came dangerously close" and that its crew's actions had been "in accordance with the law".

Yunus involved in genocide, places of worship are under attack in Bangladesh: Hasina

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

In her first public address after fleeing Bangladesh four months back, ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has mounted a stinging attack on the country's interim leader Muhammad Yunus, accusing him of perpetrating "genocide" and failing to protect minorities including Hindus.

In the remarks delivered virtually to her supporters at an event in New York, Ms. Hasina, now living in India, also claimed that there were plans to kill her and her sister Sheikh Rehana just like their father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated in 1975.

'Power-hungry'

Describing Mr. Yunus as "power-hungry", Ms. Hasina alleged that the places of worship in Bangladesh are under attack and the current dispensation has totally failed to deal with the situation.

Ms. Hasina was speaking to supporters of her Awami League party at the event organised on Sunday to mark "Bijoy Dibos" or Victory Day that falls on December 16.

Though Ms. Hasina made several statements in the last few months, it was her first public address after taking shelter, said an expert closely tracking developments in Bangladesh.

"The armed protesters were directed towards Ganabhaban (official residence of the Prime Minister). If the security guards opened fire, many lives would have been lost. It was a matter of 25-30 minutes, and I was forced to leave. I told them not to fire no matter what happened," Ms. Hasina said, speaking in Bengali.

Sheikh Hasina

"Today, I am being accused of genocide. In reality, Yunus has been involved in genocide in a meticulously designed manner. The masterminds, the student coordinators and Yunus, are behind this genocide," she said.

In her nearly an hour-long address, Ms. Hasina said the current dispensation in Dhaka failed to protect the minorities.

"Hindus, Buddhists, Christians – no one has been spared. Eleven churches have been razed, temples and Buddhist shrines have been broken. When the Hindus protested, the Iskcon leader was arrested," she said in an oblique reference to arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das.

Minorities' cause

"What is this persecution of minorities for? Why are they being ruthlessly persecuted and attacked," she asked.

"People no longer have the right to justice...I never even got the time to resign," she said.

Ms. Hasina said she left Bangladesh in August with an aim to stop the violence. However, the situation has deteriorated further, she said.

"When people were dying indiscriminately, I decided I should leave," she said.

The Awami League leader has been staying in India since she left Bangladesh following massive anti-government protests in July and August.

Strained ties

The relations between India and Bangladesh came under strain after the interim government headed by Mr. Yunus came to power.

India has been expressing concerns over attacks on minorities, especially Hindus, in that country.

There have been spate of attacks on minorities including on the Hindu community in Bangladesh in the last few months.

India last week said the interim government in Bangladesh must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities as it expressed serious concern over the "surge" of extremist rhetoric and increasing incidents of violence against Hindus.

New Delhi also hoped that the case relating to Mr. Das, arrested on a charge of sedition, will be dealt with in a just, fair and transparent manner.

"Our position on the matter is very clear – the interim government must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at his weekly media briefing on Friday.

"We are concerned at the surge of extremist rhetoric, increasing incidents of violence and provocation. These developments cannot be dismissed only as media exaggeration. We once again call upon Bangladesh to take all steps for the protection of minorities," he added.

Political parties ask Yunus to hold early elections

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Chief Adviser Yunus had called a meeting that did not include the Awami League and its allies

Several political parties in Bangladesh on Wednesday urged Chief Adviser Mohammad Yunus to hold early election in the country. Mr. Yunus called the meeting seeking suggestion from political parties on how to counter what was described as "aggression against the nation". The meeting, however, did not include the Awami League and its allies.

"Election has its own dynamics and announcement of election will activate public enthusiasm. That will be helpful for the country and that is why we raised the matter though it was not on the main agenda of today's meeting with [the] Chief Adviser," said Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, standing committee member of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) to The Hindu over the phone from Dhaka.

Since taking power in August, Mr. Yunus has met with the political parties on multiple occasions but this is the first time such a large meeting was held under the interim government.

Mr. Yunus had promised to hold consultation with political parties for shaping the path ahead for election but it is not yet clear if a future election would include the Awami League and its allies who were in power till August 5.

The meeting was called to seek suggestions from political parties about what strategy the interim government should adopt to steer Bangladesh-India relationship, especially in the backdrop of vandalism at the Assistant High Commission of Bangladesh in Tripura's capital Agartala. "There is sustained propaganda on various media platforms of India that are very harmful for bilateral relation with India and we feel that a certain quarter in India that was the main supporter of the Sheikh Hasina government is unable to come to terms with the changes that have taken place in Bangladesh," said Mr. Chowdhury.

Following the meeting, adviser of law affairs Asif Nazrul said: "Apart from the fascist Awami League and their allies, all political parties of Bangladesh participated in the meeting. There were difference of opinions among us but we were united in our approach to safeguard independence, sovereignty and honour of Bangladesh."

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For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Scheduled Tender under two cover system through online only will be received upto 07.01.2025, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), Projects, Madurai Circle for the work of "Construction of Road Over Bridge (Railway Portion) at ch 2/8 of the Bypass road at Railway km.602/600-700 in between Aruppukottai and Virudhunagar Railway stations in the Main work of "Formation of Western Bypass Road to Aruppukottai Town starting at km.171/0 of NH 45B (New NH38) and connecting SH42 Srivilliputhur - Parthibanur Road at km.61/6 and ends at km.179/6 of NH 45B (New NH38) including construction of Road Over Bridge" (Sub work) pertaining to **Tirunelveli (H), Proejcts Division.**

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SUPER MOVES

Team doing a great job, Gukesh on the preparation for openings

FIDE

After the eighth game of the World chess championship against Ding Liren, challenger D. Gukesh praised the fine work his team put in his preparation for the openings. "They have been doing a great job, not only Grzegorz Gajewski, but other team members as well," he said. "We managed to surprise him in the openings..."

BACK-UP

Ding reveals his funny side again, says his mother is doing her job

FIDE

Ding Liren had reporters in splits at the World championship press conference. Asked about the role of his relatives that have accompanied him to Singapore, he said, "My mother gives me food sometimes," he said. "So she is doing her job." Gukesh acknowledged the help received from his father Rajinikanth, an ENT surgeon, who travels with him.

FILLING LARGE SHOES

Pant's performances in Tests have been sensational, says Dravid

AFP

The void left by M.S. Dhoni's retirement in Indian cricket lineup was quickly filled by Rishabh Pant, who embraced Test cricket like a "duck to water", feels former head coach Rahul Dravid. "I'm not saying he's replaced [Dhoni], but certainly in Test cricket, his performances have been absolutely sensational," Dravid told *Star Sports*.

GAME-CHANGER

Gagan sparks Yoddhas' revival against Titans in exciting match

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

UP Yoddhas and Telugu Titans were involved in a keen battle before the former won 36-33 in a PKL 11 match in Pune on Wednesday. Yoddhas, trailing at half-time, roared back through Gagan Gowda (15 points) and Bhavani Rajput (6). Maninder (11) powered Bengal Warriorz to a 39-32 win over Haryana Steelers in the second match.

The battle of attrition continues as Game 8 ends in action-packed draw

Gukesh misses another opportunity to force a win; Ding displays his resilience in a roller-coaster; match tied 4-4 with six games remaining

FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SINGAPORE 2024

P.K. Ajith Kumar
SINGAPORE

Intense affair: Ding and Gukesh were involved in their fifth successive draw. FIDE

There has been no decisive result since Game 3. But nobody is complaining. Ding Liren and D. Gukesh are playing some exciting chess in their World championship match here in this small island of Sentosa.

The eighth game was drawn on Wednesday. So, after the fifth straight draw, the score is 4-4 at World Resorts Sentosa. The one who moves to 7.5 points will be the champion. Six games of classical chess remain.

Game 8 may not have lasted as long as Game 7 - it was a five-and-a-half-hour thriller and 72 moves were made - but there was plenty of action. As in the seventh game, Gukesh had an excellent opportunity to force a win, but as in the seventh game, he missed.

Ding showed his resourcefulness yet again, and even had his younger rival in trouble. But, Gukesh defended well enough. He also showed his willingness to strive hard, letting go of the chance for an easier draw, which he could have got by choosing three-fold repetition. He had done the same thing in the sixth game.

The eighth game saw the English Opening, but Gukesh seemed to be prepared for it, as he played his moves quickly. White, on the other hand, needed much more time to respond. At one stage, he had to make some 21 moves in 33 minutes, while Gukesh had more than an hour.

The Chennai lad could be ruing his 26th move, though. He missed the opportunity to create a potentially winning position by taking the wrong knight to the 'c5' square. Now his advantage had disappeared, and just two moves later, following an unwise bishop move, the tables turned.

It was now Ding who could put Gukesh under real pressure, but he too erred with a knight move. He manoeuvred the knight to the wrong square, 'd4', instead of the ideal 'e1'. He may have gone an exchange up, but gone was the chance for a possibly decisive advantage.

On the 41st move, Gukesh averted the three-fold repetition with a queen check. His decision to avoid a draw and play on was met with cheers by the audience watching the action on the big screen from the fan zone, but it took most people by surprise. American Grandmaster Maurice Ashley, who moderates the press conference, admitted he had begun making his way to the media room and had to retreat.

GAME 8: MOVES

Ding vs Gukesh

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Bb4 3. Nd5 Be7 4. Nf3 d6 5. g3 c6 6. Nxe7 Nxe7 7. Bg2 f6 8. O-O Be6 9. b3 d5 10. Ba3 O-O 11. Rc1 a5 12. Ne1 Re8 13. f4 exf4 14. Rxf4 dxc4 15. bxc4 Ng6 16. Re4 Na6 17. Nc2 Qc7 18. Nd4 Bf7 19. d3 Ne5 20. Nf3 Nd7 21. Rxe8+ Rxe8 22. Rb1 b5 23. cxb5 Qb6+ 24. Kf1 cxb5 25. Bb2 Bxa2 26. Bd4

26... Nac5 27. Rc1 Bb3 28. Qe1 Be6 29. Qf2 Rc8 30. Be3 Rc7 31. Nd4 Bf7 32. Nc6 Rxc6 33. Bxc6 Qxc6 34. Bxc5 h6 35. Ke1 b4 36. Qd4 Ne5 37. Kd2 Qg2 38. Qf2 Qd5 39. Qd4 Qg2 40. Qf2 Qd5 41. Qd4 Qa2+ 42. Rc2 Qe6 43. Qd8+ Kh7 44. Qxa5 b3 45. Rc1 Qd5 46. Qb4 Qg2 47. Qe4+ Qxe4 48. dxe4 b2 49. Rb1 Ba2 50. Rxb2 Nc4+ 51. Kc3 Nxb2.

Game drawn

The game, however, was drawn 10 moves later, after the queens were exchanged, and an ending featuring opposite-coloured bishops.

Women In Blue begin ODI WC prep against the Aussies

Balancing act: Harmanpreet and Smriti would have to do the heavy-lifting in the Australia series. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Press Trust of India
BRISBANE

India will aim to address their batting inconsistency and finalise their combination ahead of the Women's World Cup next year when it takes on Australia in a three-match ODI series, starting here on Thursday.

The Harmanpreet Kaur-led side has its task cut out against Australia which has historically dominated it in the 50-over format. The series will give the skipper and coach Amol Muzumdar a chance to began their preparation for the ODI World Cup at home next year.

Harmanpreet's form will be a significant concern for India, as she has struggled with consistency this year. Her captaincy and batting have come under scrutiny following India's early exit from the T20 World Cup.

The teams (from):

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-capt.), Priya Punia, Jemimah Rodrigues, Harleen Deol, Uma Chetry, Richa Ghosh (wk), Tejal Hasabnis, Deepti Sharma, Minnu Mani, Priya Mishra, Radha Yadav, Titas Sadhu, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, and Saima Thakor.

Australia: Tahlia McGrath (Capt.), Ashleigh Gardner (Vice-capt.), Darcie Brown, Kim Garth, Alana King, Phoebe Litchfield, Sophie Molineux, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Voll, and Georgia Wareham.

Match starts at 8.50 a.m. IST.

Just want to be in the playing XI and bat for the team, says Rahul

INDIA IN AUS

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

New challenge: Rahul will be looking forward to his first pink-ball Test. AFP

Australia is the land where it all began for K.L. Rahul. Back in the December of 2014, the Karnataka star made his Test debut at Melbourne and has had quite the ride over the last decade. Be it strong limbs and fractured bones or hundreds and noughts, Rahul has seen them all.

With vital runs (26 and 77) at Perth, the batter is now set for the second Test here from Friday. Rahul was all about the measured answer while addressing the media at the Adelaide Oval's basement hall on Wednesday afternoon.

However, the million-dollar question about whether he will open, was dealt with a cryptic response: "I have been told (about where I will bat), but I have also been told not to share it. You will have to wait for day one (of the Test) or maybe when the captain (Rohit Sharma) comes tomorrow (Thursday)."

Evolving batting positions, ranging from opening to the number six slot, have shadowed Rahul's decade-long International career. He has made his peace with it: "I just want to be in the playing XI and bat for the team. Early on, when I was asked to bat in different places, it was a challenge mentally. But now that I have played in ODIs and in Test cricket, and all over the place, it has given me an idea as to how I need to manage my innings, especially the start. The first 30-40 balls matter, if I can manage that, then everything else seems like regular batting."

Mentor role

At Perth, Rahul played the calm mentor to centurion Yashasvi Jaiswal in the second innings. Their 201-run alliance was one of the reasons for India's triumph. There was also a trickle-down-theory at work as Rahul passed on the tips he imbibed from Murali Vijay.

"I shared whatever I have learnt from playing in Australia and facing the new ball. I saw a little bit of myself (in Jaiswal) like when I was here 10 years ago, opening the batting for the first time.

"A lot of doubts, a lot of nerves. A lot happens in your head. The only thing that you can do is to slow things, try and take a few deep breaths and focus on one thing. And that's what was passed on to me by my then opening partner Murali Vijay. So I just passed that on to Jaiswal," Rahul said.

The imminent fixture at Adelaide will also pit Rahul against the pink ball: "This will be my first pink-ball Test. It is a bit different to the red ball in terms of how well you see and pick the ball from the bowler's hand. That's been a challenge. Hopefully by the time the game starts, we will have had enough practice sessions."

The batter hopes that his latest sojourn in Australia would help him chart a fresh path. "Planning to get a tattoo after the Sydney Test," he said, and it is another ritual he indulges in while being Down Under.

Adelaide pitch will have something for quicks and spinners: Head curator Hough

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

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The guardians of the 22-yards that matter in cricket, are often secretive about the surfaces they offer. The Adelaide Oval's head curator Damian Hough, while believing in the mystique of a pitch, still held a mirror to the turf that would play host to the second Test, a day-and-night fixture, between Australia and India here from Friday.

Talking to the media on a sunny Wednesday morning, Damian said: "We are happy about where we are today, the compaction and the moisture is where we want it to be. You do adapt every year, get some finer details in. It is coarse matted grass, even grass cover, good with regard to moisture, but dry and hard, so something where the quicks will get a bit out of it, spinners will be able to get some light turn and bounce, but also important for us to get some partnerships with the players and the batters to be able to play their shots."

As for the granular detail about the grass, Damian was quick to reply: "Should be around six millimetres." And when queried again about the pitch, the curator remained guarded: "All we do is try and produce a pitch that provides an even contest between bat and ball."

With all the talk about pace, Damian was quick to point out the venue's soft corner for spin: "Be assured, at the Adelaide Oval, traditionally spin plays a role and we don't see that changing." The weather, though, might queer the pitch and Damian added: "Looks like some storms on Friday. Hopefully it clears out Saturday morning and it should be good for the remainder of the Test."

'Hazlewood will be missed but Australia has enough talent'

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Lyon. AP

From being among the ground staff tending to the pitch at the Adelaide Oval to being a champion spinner excelling on its surface, Nathan Lyon has traversed an incredible journey. Back in a familiar environment, Lyon was at ease while also promoting his sport-for-all initiative, and these words were etched both in English and in Braille upon his bat.

Raising the bat, he wryly said: "Well, this is a first for me, raising the bat." After the laughter subsided, he spoke about the need to promote sport across varied classes and categories, especially for the physically challenged.

Talk then veered towards the second Test against India and Lyon stressed that Australia will begin afresh at the venue: "We have had a break and in a five-Test series there is always an opportunity to comeback. India is a world class team and it is not just about Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kohli, all their players are excellent and we are prepared."

Admitting that an injured Josh Hazlewood will be missed, Lyon felt that the host had enough talent to move ahead. He also praised the depth in India's squad and claimed that he was not surprised by Nitish Kumar's success in the first Test at Perth: "We know that all their players are good and his performance wasn't a surprise."

As for the pink-ball Test's pitch, Lyon said: "It is one of those world class surfaces and it is good for the spinners too." When probed about the ball, he quipped: "Mate, be it a red ball, white ball or pink ball, it is all the same."

INBRIEF

Iran crushes India's hopes in Asian women's handball

Iran came up with a spirited performance to beat host India 32-30, after leading 16-15 at half time in a group-B league match of the 20th Asian women's handball championship at the KD Jadhav arena of the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi on Wednesday.

With Japan as the formidable team in the group, the loss to Iran was a knock-out punch for India's aspirations to make the semifinals and qualify for the World Championship next year.

The results (league): Group A: Korea bt Kazakhstan 30-20; China bt Singapore 47-10. **Group B:** Japan bt Hong Kong 47-6; Iran bt India 32-30.

Djokovic to kick off season at Brisbane International

Novak Djokovic will open the new tennis season at the Brisbane International tournament, a warm-up event for the Australian Open. "I'm excited to be kicking off my Australian swing at the Brisbane International and to compete again at Pat Rafter Arena," Djokovic, who will be seeking his 100th tour-level title, said. It will be only the second time Djokovic has played at the event, losing to Ernests Gulbis in the opening round in 2009. The tournament is scheduled for Dec. 29 - Jan. 5 with Grigor Dimitrov, Holger Rune, Frances Tiafoe and Nick Kyrgios also set to compete.

Coaching debut for Joshna; India's squash team named

India will send an eight-member team (men & women) for the WSF World squash team championships to be held in Hong Kong, China, from December 9 to 15. For the first time in squash history, the men's and women's events will be held concurrently, featuring 23 teams in the women's event and 26 in the men's. Asian Games medalists and National champions Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu and Joshana Chinappa will be the coaches.

The teams: Men: Abhay Singh, Velavan Senthilkumar, Veer Chotrani, Suraj Chand.
Women: Anahat Singh, Akanksha Salunkhe, Nirupama Dubey, Anjali Semwal.

LIVE TELECAST

Australia Women vs India Women: 1st ODI, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.50 a.m.
SMAT: JioCinema, 9 a.m.
South Africa vs Sri Lanka: 2nd Test, day 1, Sports 18-1 SD & HD) & JioCinema, 1.30 p.m.
Chess: World Championship, FIDE YouTube channel, 2.30 p.m.
Zimbabwe vs Pakistan: 3rd T20I, FanCode, 5 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 7.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.
Golf: Hero World Challenge, FanCode, 12 a.m. (Friday)
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 a.m. (Friday)
New Zealand vs England: 2nd Test day 1, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 a.m. (Friday)

In knockouts race, little to choose between teams

The competition could have been even more intense had Karnataka and Tamil Nadu lived up to their standing as former champions of the domestic T20 tournament

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Vivek Krishnan
INDORE

In a group featuring five highly competent teams – unprecedented according to Saurashtra captain Jaydev Unadkat – it was always likely that qualification for the knockout stage of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy would boil down to fine margins in the final round of matches. And so here we are, as Saurashtra, Gujarat and Baroda find themselves in a tussle ahead of Thursday's matches to be among the two teams from Group B that advance to the next phase.

The competition could have been even more intense had Karnataka and Tamil Nadu lived up to their standing as former champions of the T20 competition. But Karnataka began on the wrong note with a defeat to Uttarakhand and could never quite play to its potential thereafter, while Tamil Nadu succumbed when it was put under pressure by the other top teams in Group B.

It has left us with three sides from the west, all from Gujarat incidentally, being tied on top with 20 points each after six rounds. While the team that finishes first in the group will be assured of a last-eight berth, the second-placed side will know whether it plays the quarters or pre-quarters next based on the final standings across all five groups.

Saurashtra, which is currently on top of Group B due to a superior net run rate, should be able to prevail without much difficulty against Tripura on Thursday. Overlooking the prematch platitudes that players deliver about no game being easy, Baroda should breeze past Sikkim.

For Gujarat, a clash against Karnataka at the Holkar Stadium presents sterner challenges. But it has many in-form players at its disposal. None more so than opener Urvil Patel, who has smashed 28-ball and 36-ball centuries in the past week.

"Things are tight. I haven't seen a group as tough as ours in the history of the tournament. It is going to go down to the wire, but if we win our last game, I am sure we will be through with the net run rate we have," Unadkat said.

In pole position: Unadkat's Baroda will look to seal a berth in the knockouts. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY - SEVENTH ROUND SCHEDULE

Group-A: Rajkot: Meghalaya vs Punjab (9 a.m.), Bengal vs Rajasthan (11 a.m.), Hyderabad vs Mizoram (1.30 p.m.), Bihar vs Madhya Pradesh (4.30 p.m.).
Group-B: Indore: Baroda vs Sikkim (9 a.m.), Gujarat vs Karnataka (11 a.m.), Saurashtra vs Tripura (1.30 p.m.), Tamil Nadu vs Uttarakhand (4.30 p.m.).
Group-C: Mumbai: Arunachal Pradesh vs Delhi (9 a.m.), Jharkhand vs Uttar Pradesh (11 a.m.), Himachal Pradesh (1.30 p.m.), Haryana vs Jammu & Kashmir (4.30 p.m.).
Group-D: Visakhapatnam: Pondicherry vs Railways (11 a.m.), Assam vs Chhattisgarh (4.30 p.m.); **Vizianagaram:** Chandigarh vs Odisha (11 a.m.).
Group-E: Hyderabad: Goa vs Nagaland (11 a.m.), Services vs Maharashtra (11 a.m.), Andhra vs Mumbai (4.30 p.m.).

On the attack: Vaibhav toyed with the UAE bowlers. AP

Suryavanshi powers India into semifinals of U-19 Asia Cup

Press Trust of India
SHARJAH

Thirteen-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi lived up to the hype around his rare talent as India outclassed United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 10 wickets to enter the semifinals of the U-19 Asia Cup here on Wednesday.

Electing to bat, UAE lost wickets at regular intervals to be bundled out for 137 in 44 overs.

Right-arm medium pacer Yudhajit Guha was the pick of the bowlers for India with figures of three for 15, while Chetan Sharma (two for 27) and all-rounder Hardik Raj (two for 28) scalped two wickets apiece.

India cantered home in 16.1 overs riding on unbeaten half-centuries from the opening duo of Suryavanshi (76 off 46) and Ayush Mhatre (67 off 51).

Suryavanshi recently turned heads at the IPL auction where he was sold to Rajasthan Royals for ₹1.10 crore, becoming the youngest pick in the league's history.

While left-hander Suryavanshi had three hits to the fence as well as one over it, Mhatre struck four boundaries and as many sixes during his knock. The majority of the 13-year-old's sixes came in the wide midwicket region.

India had started its campaign on a disappointing note, losing to Pakistan by 43 runs in its group opener before thrashing minnows Japan by 211 runs.

Meets Sri Lanka

India will play Group B topper Sri Lanka in the semifinals while Group A leader Pakistan will be up against Bangladesh on Friday.

Both Pakistan and Sri Lanka were unbeaten in the group stages.

The scores: UAE 137 in 44 overs (Rayan 35, Yudhajit Guha 3/15) lost to India 143/0 in 16.1 overs (Vaibhav 76 n.o, Ayush 67 n.o).

Rahul hails move to name Chinnaswamy stands after legends

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

The move to name stands at Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium after Karnataka's iconic cricketing legends has evoked goodwill all around.

K.L. Rahul welcomed the initiative in his backyard while also admitting to a hope of eventually seeing his name in that list.

"Everyone wishes for it, but I will have to get as many runs as the people that have their names on these stands. So if I can do that, then maybe. Yeah, but I haven't reached that point yet," the batter said in reply to a specific query at the Adelaide Oval here on Wednesday.

The man, who speaks Kannada and Tulu with equal felicity besides English and Hindi, stressed that naming the stands after the greats, was a fine move. "It is good. It is about respecting what the players have done for the State and India. I am sure for everybody, it is a huge honour when you see your name, a stand being named after you. So yes, it will be lovely."

The Karnataka State Cricket Association will be naming the stands after B.S. Chandrasekhar, E.A.S. Prasanna, G.R. Viswanath, Syed Kirmani, Roger Binny, Brijesh Patel, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Rahul Dravid and Venkatesh Prasad.

Rahul.
FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Scheffler will look to defend title amidst stiff competition

GOLF

V.V. Ramanan
NASSAU

Scottie Scheffler will strive to defend his title as the World No. 1 leads the charge along with 19 other elite golfers from eight nationalities when the Hero World Challenge gets underway at the Albany course for the ninth straight time on Thursday.

Apart from two-time Masters champion Scheffler, who has seven PGA Tour titles in addition to the Olympic gold in Paris this year, the field has five other Major winners in Wyndham Clark, Brian Harman, Keegan Bradley, Justin Thomas, and Jason Day eager to capture their maiden crown at the 25th edition of this invitational event hosted by five-time champion Tiger Woods.

Nick Dunlap, the first player in history to win on the Tour as an amateur and a professional in the same season, is among the eight first-timers fans will look out for to take on the seasoned pros on the beautiful Ernie Els-designed 7,449 yards, Par 72 course.

The 20-year-old is one of three players who has accepted sponsor exemptions to the Challenge, the other two being last year's runner-up Sepp Straka and former PGA champion Day.

For the first time, the roster also includes a trio of Indian-origin players – Sahith Theegala, Aaron Rai, and Akshay Bhatia – adding diversity to a mix in pursuit of the big prize of $1 million and the lovely trophy featuring a tiger!

Meanwhile on Tuesday, Englishman Rai, who claimed his first Tour title at the 2024 Wyndham Championship, kicked off the Challenge by winning the 'Hero Shot at Albany' championship ahead of Dunlap, Bhatia, Robert MacIntyre, two-time Major winner Justin Thomas, and Day in front of Woods and the Hero MotoCorp chairman Pawan Munjal.

Going by the weatherman's forecast for the next four days, fans can enjoy some intense play under clear blue skies and favourable wind conditions.

(The writer is in Nassau at the invitation of Hero MotoCorp)

Scheffler. GETTY IMAGES

Taijul spins Bangladesh to victory

Associated Press
KIINGSTON

Bangladesh won a Test in the Caribbean for the first time in 15 years by beating the West Indies by 101 runs at Sabina Park on Tuesday.

The scores: Bangladesh 164 & 268 (Jaker 91, Shadman 64, Jayden Seales 4/5) bt West Indies 146 & 185 in 50 overs (Carty 40, Hodge 55, Taijul 5/50).

Karnataka in both finals

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Title holder Tamil Nadu and Karnataka set up a repeat of last year's girls' final in the National youth basketball championships at the Sabuj Sathi Indoor Stadium, Howrah, on Wednesday.

Tamil Nadu, which led a keenly fought affair 39-31 at half-time, went on get past Kerala 73-62 while Karnataka defeated Maharashtra 77-61.

Karnataka's fine day continued as its boys also made it to the summit clash, beating Haryana 84-77 in the semifinal. It will meet defending champion Rajasthan, which cruised past Tamil Nadu 88-54.

The results (semifinals):
Boys: Rajasthan 88 (Piyush Choudhary 25, Bhupendra Singh Rathore 18, Zuber Khan 12) bt Tamil Nadu 54 (Priyadarsan 12, R. Hariram 12); Karnataka 84 (Khushal Singh 28, Adhithya Shenoi 16, Samarth Manur 15, Viabhav Gowda 14, Harsh Yatish 11) bt Haryana 77 (Chirag 23, Veer Singh 16, Rahul 16, Shekhar Rathee 15).
Girls: Tamil Nadu 73 (Jefrin 16, Sumitra Devi 15, Angelina Arun George 14) bt Kerala 62 (Arthika 25, Vaugha 15); Karnataka 77 (Nithi Umesh 16, Tanushree Taum 16, Deepika 15, Mahek Sharma 11) bt Maharashtra 61 (Aarya Phatangare 25, Reva Kulkarni 17).

SC Bengaluru's dismal run continues

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Churchill Brothers cruised past SC Bengaluru 3-1 in their I-League fixture at Bangalore Football Stadium here on Wednesday.

Churchill Brothers notched up a first win in three outings, while SC Bengaluru fell to a third straight loss.

First home game

Playing its first home match of the tournament, SC Bengaluru made a bright start when Jordan Lamela's header put the side 1-0 ahead.

Churchill Brothers drew level through Colombian Sebastian Gutierrez, who unleashed a long-range effort to catch the SC Bengaluru goalkeeper by surprise.

In the 39th minute, Churchill Brothers' Kingsley Fernandes was brought down in the box.

Senegalese midfielder Pape Gassama stepped up and slotted home the penalty.

A late goal from Wayde Lekay completed a memorable outing for Churchill Brothers.

The result:

SC Bengaluru 1 (Jordan Lamela 13) lost to Churchill Brothers 3 (Sebastian Gutierrez 25, Pape Gassama 39, Wayde Lekay 80).

Sealing the deal: A late goal from Wayde Lekay, left, completed a memorable outing for Churchill Brothers. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sonmez helps Eagles soar; Strikers in smashing form

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

World No. 90 Zeynep Sonmez played a significant role in Yash Mumbai Eagles' 54-46 victory over Rajasthan Rangers in the Tennis Premier League at the CCI here on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old from Turkey won her singles match 17-8 against Cristina Dinu and partnered Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan for an entertaining 15-10 victory over Rohan Bopanna and Cristina in mixed doubles.

Hyderabad Strikers, with a 55-45 win over Chennai Smashers that took its tally to 112 points, climbed to the top. Vishnu Vardhan played a key role, winning his mixed doubles and doubles matches.

The results (league):

Bengaluru SG Pipers bt Bengal Wizards 52-48 (Gabriela Knutson lost to Kamilla Rakhimova 11-14; Bernabe Miralles lost to Niki Poonacha 12-13; Gabriela & Anirudh Chandrasekar bt Kamilla & Sriram Balaji 14-11; Bernabe & Anirudh bt Balaji & Poonacha 15-10).

Gujarat Panthers bt Punjab Patriots 54-46 (Ekaterina Kazionova bt Akanksha NItture 19-6; Sumit Nagal lost to S Mukund 10-15; Kazionova & Vijay Sundar Prashanth bt Akanksha & Saketh Myneni 15-10; Sumit & Vijay lost to Mukund & Saketh 10-15).

Hyderabad Strikers bt Chennai Smashers 55-45 (Harriet Dart bt Conny Perrin 14-11; Benjamin Lock lost to Hugo Gaston 11-14; Dart & Vishnu Vardhan bt Rithvik Bollipalli & Conny 16-9; Benjamin & Vishnu bt Gaston & Rithvik 14-11).

Yash Mumbai Eagles bt Rajasthan Rangers 54-46 (Zeynep Sonmez bt Cristina Dinu 17-8; Karan Singh lost to Arthur Fery 11-14; Zeynep & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan bt Cristina & Rohan Bopanna 15-10; Karan & Jeevan lost to Arthur & Bopanna 11-14).